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In addition, 32 per cent of the companies experienced a reduction in sales, production forecasts, work orders and [illegible]

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Where employees had not actually been laid off because of the NEP, some businessmen noted that the number of hours worked has been reduced drastically.

"Sales are down 40 per cent," one respondent said. "Employees have not been laid off but hours are limited and lay offs may be short-coming if sales do not improve."

[illegible] of the United Way Association, another protest group formed after the NEP announcement, says that at least 200 lay-offs [illegible] Brooks area firms have taken place as a result of the NEP.

Pat Brown, president of the association, says that the job losses in the area will cut payroll expenditures by $19.5 million a year, and added that 30 per cent of the companies surveyed by the Association agree that further lay-offs and budget cuts are inevitable.

These and other figures compiled by the ESA will be [illegible] presented to [illegible] officials, says Terry Mu[illegible] chairman fo[illegible] the group's [illegible] committee.

"We'd like to w[illegible] will we get results back [illegible] all the companies we s[illegible] surveys to (436 in the [illegible] area). [illegible] Do they're [illegible] be getting [illegible] for the next six months," Mr. Mulgrew says.

Therefore, the ESA would like to ask all those who [illegible] have yet to return the surveys to drop them in the mail this week, so that the executive can get to work compiling the data.

"We want them in as soon as possible, because we want to set up a meeting with (federal energy minister) Mr. Lalonde, and we want to be able to give him these results," Mr. Mulgrew adds.

The survey results can be returned to The Energy Services Association of Alberta, Box 2888, Drayton Valley.

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253 jobs lost

Nisku Park suffers from NEP

From the Leduc Representative

The National Energy Program (NEP) and the 1980 federal budget resulted in the loss of 253 jobs and $26 million of sales volume in Nisku Industrial Park, according to a survey of all service companies in Nisku.

Commissioned by the Nisku Businessmen's Association, the survey was designed to determine the effect the budget and the NEP has had in the park.

It is the broader aspect of the effects shown in Nisku that strike association Chairman Ron Doersam.

"The figures are staggering when you start to project it," he said. "It is not just Nisku. It is Edmonton and all of Alberta."

Bob Burch, co-ordinator of the survey, noted even broader effects. "It does point out the National Energy Program has one hell of an effect on the oil industry, not only in Alberta but Ontario," Mr. Burch said.

The survey cites loss of revenue to Ontario suppliers and mentions the impact on employees from eastern Canada.

The $26 million drop in sales volume was the effect in the remainder of 1980 after the budget. The study indicates the estimated 1980 sales volume of the 41 companies surveyed was $256 million.

After the budget, the estimate was revised downward to $216 million.

Estimates for 1981 volume fall from $270 million to $170 million, a drop of $100 million.

Although rig activity did not suffer severely in the remainder of 1980, projections for 1981 are poor. Proposed expenditure on drilling rigs has dropped 50 per cent and the actual number of rigs fell 33 per cent.

The employment impact from Nisku firms was directly felt across the province as well as locally. In addition to the 253 jobs lost in Nisku, 173 jobs were eliminated in branch offices.

Of the responding companies, 40 per cent have a branch office in Alberta or northern B.C. Forty per cent of these will be shut down as a result of the budget. Of the remainder, some will experience cutbacks in staff or curtailment of expansion.

Although none of the participating firms had operations in the U.S. prior to the budget, 24 per cent indicate intentions to relocate a portion of their business outside Canada.

The impact felt in Nisku has a ripple effect to suppliers across the province and the country. A list of 75 Alberta firms and 62 western Canada companies which supply Nisku is included in the study.

1980 revenue losses to Alberta suppliers from the 41 firms surveyed totaled $2.5 million. Projected 1981 losses are $30 million.

Lost revenue to eastern firms as a result of reduced purchasing amounted to $1.5 million in last quarter of 1980. Forecast cutbacks for 1981 are expected to be near $30 million.

The survey was released to the provincial government on March 17. Mr. Burch added the information will find its way to Ottawa as well.

"Whether it will have any effect remains to be seen," he said.

PARTICIPATING IN A hypnotist's show is one of the best ways of selling out your fantasies. Renowned hypnotist Rosanne drew a large crowd to his show at the Rec Plex on Monday night, and one of the highlights was seeing men and women entertain the audience with a beauty contest.

Photo by Rick Hahn

Business program starts soon

A kick-off dinner will be held April 1 to start a management assistance program for small and medium-sized businesses in Drayton Valley.

The program, if 20 local businesses agree to participate, would start in April and conclude with a wind-up dinner next September.

Basically the program, sponsored by Alberta Tourism and Small Business, offers individual (and confidential) management advice for businesses in small towns.

The program has been over-subscribed in most of the towns where it has been offered and businesses will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

"For $35 they have absolutely nothing to lose and lots to gain," says Doug Bell, vice-president of Harcourt, Matthews and Associates, the consulting firm which will give the advice.

Every business can benefit from the program, he adds, and in towns where the firm has offered the program 90 to 95 per cent of the recommendations to individual businesses were implemented.

The program offers management assistance from professional consultants to small towns where that type of assistance would not normally be offered.

Because some businessmen "feel consultants sit in their ivory towers and come out with big long studies", Mr. Bell says his firm offers practical advice which can be implemented the next day.

Areas where advice is offered includes advertising, financial areas, cash-flow situations, lay-out of store space, accounting records and book-keeping.

At the kick-off dinner in the Westwind Motor Inn at 7:30 p.m. on April 1, details of the program will be presented by an official of Tourism and Small Business and two representatives of the consulting firm.

If 20 people join the program, the firm will send out consultants likely near the end of April. The consultants will spend half a day with each business to discover "where the problems are and where we can help," says Mr. Bell.

The information will be gathered and the consultants will return to spend another half day with each business in a consulting session.

Mr. Bell says the firm usually finds about 80 per cent of the businesses need or want another half day session which can be offered.

Realizing that the businesses are told "here's what you should do, here's how to do it, now it's up to you to implement them."

The firm will then leave Drayton Valley for approximately three months for the audit phase of the program. When they come back it will be to see what has been accomplished and if any problems have arisen.

The audit phase should be over by September and to conclude the program a wind-up dinner is held.

Businesses which join the program will pay a $35 fee to the local Chamber of Commerce (to cover the dinners). Alberta Tourism and Small Business pays the consultants for their work.

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Chrishan Women's Club, Elk's Hall, Thurs., April 9th - 8:30 a.m. Fixture by Nancy Rowe.

Farmer's Market - April 16, Elks Hall, 12 noon - 3 p.m. Regular markets start May 6. For more information phone 542-2880.

Senior Citizen's Annual Meeting, Three Hills, March 26, 2 p.m. at the Drop In Centre.

Baby shower for Debbie Wylie at the Calvary Baptist Church basement March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Babysitting course registration - 4 p.m. at HW Pickup March 23 Fee $3.50.

Dance at Moon Lake Hall, March 28, music by Dene's Disco. Advance tickets $4. Phone 727-2297 or 727-2237

A talent show will be held in the Buck Lake Hall, Sat., March 28 at 8 p.m. Phone 398-3812 for information.

Supper and dance at Rocky Rapids Hall, Sat., March 28, Western Echoes Orchestra. Tickets $6. Reserve by phoning 542-6687 or 542-3632.

A North Central Simmental Association has been formed. A contest will be held soon, name and logo is being run with a $25 cash prize plus a one year membership in the assoc. All entries must be received or postmarked by the general meeting date April 12th, 7:30 p.m., West 19 Motel - Lodge, Westlock. Anyone interested is urged to attend. For information contact Mary Ann Warren, Sec/Treas., Box 1, Ryegate, Phone 765-3887.

West Valley Singles' Club general meeting 1st Wednesday of every month at Pembina Plaza Building. For information ph. 542-2486 or 542-5330.

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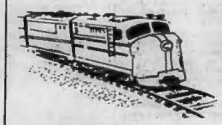

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"It is perhaps said that many of the neighboring rural residents live in Drayton Valley, but sleep in the county of Parkland or Leduc," the board wrote in asking council to reconsider its decision.

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LETTERS TO REVIEW

The real facts are .....

Dear Editor:

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Anything from day care, PSS, help for the young, help for the singles, help for the married, help for the divorced, help for the old, help for the poor, help for courses and education on sex, taxes, gardens, recreational activities, on making clay pots (?) and on and on. (Are we really that helpless and dumb?)

In turn, the bemoaners who present these wants, support the local news which makes a cozy support circle, but does not purport realism in the facts. The facts are:

• Some of the town problems are a direct result of these bemoaners and experts, from somewhere else, telling the town what is good for it, or what it needs--through surveys, expensive consultants, and wants.

• Those same "backbone" people are the ones who built the Scout Hall, curling rink, parks, golf course, the arena, Elks and Legion Halls. They were Scout and Gilde leaders, coaches in sports, etc. and etc.

Their "help" was themselves, and proud they should be when they sit and assess what they have accomplished by their own support. We have a good town, and you see no excuse of the pioneer doers of this town signed to these "help" letters.

• The time has come for the elected council to make our decisions and design our destiny. These people, the group of seven, have taken on a "crappy" job. They are the ones to support!

• There are programs available in town today for dealing with many common social plights, and these programs are not being fully utilized--i.e., AA, the clergy, the police, social counsellors, school counsellors, welfare workers, NIP, RAP, recreation advisors and, would you believe, your neighbors!

However, the sad thing is most people do not want to be helped, and they cannot be helped if they won't help themselves.

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Reg Semis
Drayton Valley

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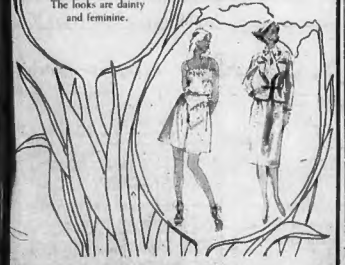

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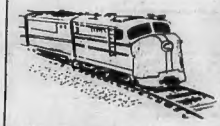

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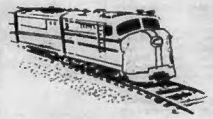

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Many of them, though they do not contribute directly to the town's taxes, are owners of businesses or rent building space or are shareholders in companies which do contribute to the town's tax revenue, the board noted.

Eliminating these people from the town's boards would narrow the viewpoint of the town and could polarize the two jurisdictions in such a way that future issues "will be decided on the basis of a County-Town debate or dialogue, rather than the benefits of the issue at stake," the board argued.

"It is perhaps said that many of the neighboring rural residents live in Drayton Valley, but sleep in the county of Parkland or Leduc," the board wrote in asking council to reconsider its decision.

Councillor Jim Wolff said at last week's meeting "with all due respect to the board, I feel very strongly we have to maintain a consistency" and noted that county residents have a county council to help them with their recreation needs.

Mayor Bob Mayhew said he believed council's earlier decision was the correct one, that the board should not have written a critical letter, and that he would scrutinize carefully in the future all board decisions.

Councillors agreed they would scrutinize the board's decisions carefully, but no more so than they would any other town board.

Councillors voted against reconsidering their decision on recreation board membership with only councillor Alex Salit, the council's representative on the board, voting in favor of reconsideration.

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province's ownership of the resources.

Alberta should recognize a bigger out of the royalty pie must go to Ottawa and reduce its royalties a few percentage points. Likewise, the federal government should change or substantially reduce its eight per cent tax on production.

Alberta and Ottawa are squabbling like two children over a piece of cake. It's time they acted like adults and settled the issue in the grand old Canadian way -- by compromise on BOTH sides.

Opinions

We have been soundly chastised by Reg Samis this week in a letter to the editor.

We are accused of forming a 'cosy circle' with all the 'bleeding heart liberals', to coin an expression, in town and he suggests we take a hard look at the real world.

What we support or don't support is found in one of two places -- the editorial page or the columns written by our reporters. News articles on social issues or problems, whether day care, PSS, help for singles, or youth are simply that -- a report stating the comments or views on certain subjects by town residents.

Nor have we been critical of the town council's efforts to cut its budget. The need is obvious and the remedy -- cutting services or raising fees -- is infinitely better than a huge tax increase.

We do not advocate the town go out and support every 'need' discovered by the public or the newspaper.

Moreover, we agree 100 per cent that town councillors should have and fully deserve the support of the town's citizens. They have volunteered for an onerous, time-consuming job with many headaches and virtually no rewards.

However, a newspaper which gives full and unquestioning support to its local government on all issues and decisions, we believe, is shirking its duty.

We also firmly believe problem areas in town should not be buried but discussed publicly in print. Identifying and bringing these problems to light is the first necessary step in trying to overcome these problems.

We would like to see neighbors, volunteers and service clubs provide this help where it is needed in a true Christian fashion. However, to assume this would happen in all the problem areas in a town with much apathy is unrealistic.

That was the real value of having PSS and a PSS director. His function was to coordinate and help people help themselves. The PSS director wasn't 'de lawd', but he was trying to help people help themselves.

Perspectives

By Jayne Creighton

More teenagers are having sex these days, and they are having sex at a younger age. The result, as could be predicted, is a rising number of teenage pregnancies.

Those are the findings of two latest studies, one from Calgary, another from New York.

The Calgary study of 809 students in the Calgary public school system shows more than 25 per cent of sexually active students had their first experience by age 13 and 71 per cent by age 15.

Statistics from the New York study are similar, and project that four out of every 10 girls aged 14 would become pregnant at least once during their teen-age year, two of 10 would give birth, and more than one in seven would have an abortion.

While teenagers constitute only 18 per cent of sexually active women (according to the report), they account for 46 per cent of out-of-wedlock births and 31 per cent of abortions.

Although more teenagers are conscientiously using contraception, the number of teenage pregnancies is still rising because more young people are becoming sexually active.

Although no local statistics are available, the figures from the two studies are probably not that far off.

In fact, the statistics could be higher because of the lack of sex education in local schools, something which both studies highly recommend.

The figures are alarming, and they are too high to ignore. Morality aside, is it fair for a young teenage girl to have the fate of her life decided for her at the age of 15 or 16 because she became pregnant, either through ignorance or a careless approach to contraception?

Sex education is taught as part of family life education courses as early as grade 5 in some schools in the province, all the way through senior high.

County of Parkland students have a 'maturation film' at grade 6. That is all. Ideally, parents would inform and discuss sexual activity and its consequences with their children. However, realistically, many parents neglect their duty in such a sensitive and delicate matter.

The school board should re-examine its list of priorities and study the various programs available. The ostrich syndrome may be less painful for some parents, but in the end it's the teenagers, particularly the females, who pay for it.

Other Opinions

Stan Schellenberger, MP

Committee seeks help for disabled

A Special Committee on the Disabled and the Handicapped has recommended in its final report that the federal government require all its agencies, departments and even private firms that want to do business with the government to hire a greater number of disabled persons.

The recommendation, one of 130 made by the committee, is aimed at reducing the unemployment rate among the disabled, estimated at 60 per cent.

The committee noted that roughly 10 per cent of Canadians are disabled in some fashion. Of that number, three per cent could become useful members of the work force. The government should implement affirmative action programs for hiring these people, the report recommends. A special board should be created to develop procedures for implementing such programs and monitoring their effectiveness.

In another recommendation, the committee said the federal government should gradually establish a comprehensive disability insurance program, to be financed by Canada Pension Plan premiums. Extended unemployment insurance benefits should also be extended to the disabled since it often takes them longer to find work.

Other recommendations include modifications to all federal public buildings by 1983 to make them accessible to disabled persons, more CBC programming for the visually disabled plus making captioned programming a requirement for obtaining a license. The Canadian Human Rights Act should be amended to provide protection against discrimination for the handicapped in areas such as employment, the law and accommodation.

The Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act should be replaced with new legislation to allow Ottawa to share the cost with the provinces for employment training programs for the disabled. This program, along with the disability insurance plan, would be the most costly items to implement. These, the report estimates, will still only cost the government about one per cent of current federal spending on social development.

This year is the International Year of Disabled Persons so it is particularly significant that this report brings the plight of disabled Canadians to our attention. The report, committee members said, is a blueprint of what the government should do to increase the participation of disabled persons in every day society, make all Canadians aware of the necessary changes to bring this about, and probably most important, to give disabled persons a greater degree of self-sufficiency.

Letters to Review

The real facts are .....

Dear Editor:

The local press seems to speak out in support of every welfare theory or "sick chicken" project that someone passing through town can dream up.

Anything from day care, PSS, help for the young, help for the married, help for the divorced, help for the old, help for the poor, help for courses and education on sex, taxes, gardens, recreational activities, on making clay pots (?) and on and on. (Are we really that helpless and dumb?)

In turn, the bemoaners who present these wants, support the local news which makes a cozy support circle, but does not purport realism in the facts. The facts are:

• Some of the town problems are a direct result of these bemoaners and experts, from somewhere else, telling the town what is good for it, or what it needs—through surveys, expert diagnosis and studies done by unsuitable and advisors (again from somewhere else) expounding on what Drayton Valley needs.

• Support would be better directed to the "backbone" citizens who have volunteered their time and services to try to elevate the town out of chaotic financial straws (or mess) in which we now find ourselves.

• There are, you know, a great number of these same "backbone" citizens who do, indeed, support council in that you cannot "give" everyone everything that he wants.

• Those same "backbone" people are the ones who built the Stout Hall, curling rink, parks, golf course, the arena, Elks and Legion Halls. They were Scout and Girlde leaders, coaches in sports, etc. and etc.

Their "help" was themselves, and proud they should be when they sit and assess what they have accomplished by their own support. We have a good town, and you see no scenes of the pioneer doors of this town signed to these "help" letters.

• The time has come for the elected council to make our decisions and design our destiny. These people, the group of seven, have taken on a "crappy" job. They are the ones to support!

• There are programs available in town today for dealing with many common social plights, and these programs are not being fully utilized—i.e., AA, the clergy, the police, social counsellors, school counsellors, welfare workers, NIP, RAP, recreation advisors and, would you believe, your neighbor!

However, and the thing is most people do not want to be helped, and they cannot be helped if they won't help themselves.

The bemoaners and experts have not, and may never realize the old adage—do lord hops dem what hops themselves.

I don't know. Maybe we are that helpless and dumb!

Reg Samis
Drayton Valley

Vandalism decried

Dear editor:

A reward will be offered for information leading to conviction of person or persons who vandalized the Chevy Short Box half-ton truck sitting at Sloan's Trucking yard on the evening or early morning of March 19.

To the vandalist:

If you read this I very much hope you realize how low of a human-being you are, ... no sorry, I wouldn't call you a human being, that would be too civilized.

I never realized that this town had such ignorant people living within its limits (or out of them for that matter). It's a real pity to shame a town because of people like you.

Anyways, I really hope you get your jollies with the fluorescent, orange paint and the screwdriver or whatever it was you used to nastily design our truck with scratches.

In all, I'd say you managed to damage the truck to and over the amount of $6,000 which should make you jump for joy.

When and if you grow up someday, I really hope something like this happens to you, with something you're proud of.

Jackie Hendriz
Box 1545
Drayton Valley, Alta.

Letters to the Editor

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The editor reserves the right to edit letters for spelling grammar, style, taste and length.

Letters may be sent to: The Western Review, Box 1201, Drayton Valley, Alberta T0E 0M0

Your comment

Should the oil industry be Canadianized?

Richard Wolsenyn
Drayton Valley
No. I believe in free enterprise quite a bit.

Kevin Grange
Drayton Valley
Yes, I guess so. Most of the oil comes from Alberta, so it should be Canadianized.

Denise Van Gils
Drayton Valley
Yes I do. I think it should stay in Canada. We should be benefitting, not the Americans.

Kris Klassen
Drayton Valley
I don't know enough about it to say.

THIS IS NOT an introduction to the tango—this is a mesmerized member of the audience who attended Romaine's hypnotism show last Monday night. She was one of the models in a mock beauty contest.

Photo by Rick Hicks

Phase three decision postponed 1 month

Town council decided last week to table for one month the issue of what to with Phase Three of the town's subdivision development.

The administration had asked council to decide if it wants to continue with required improvements to the subdivision in the north-east corner of town, leave the development as it is now (nearly half completed) or attempt to sell the whole subdivision.

The town has invested approximately $785,000 into the subdivision and the new council after the October 15 election asked Alberta Housing Corporation to takeover the land under its land assembly plan.

Under the plan, Alberta Housing would return the money the town has invested so far into Phase Three and when the town either sells the whole subdivision or as the town sells the lots, the money plus interest would be forwarded to Alberta Housing.

Notification from Alberta Housing is expected soon as whether it will accept the takeover or not.

To bring the town-owned subdivision to its final stage and ready for development would cost another (approximately) $800,000 for streets, gutters, sidewalks, power lines, etc.

Councillor Jim Wolff asked the administration if Phase Three is its current stage of development is worth the $785,000 so far invested to upgrade the subdivision.

"I would sure hope so," replied town manager Bill Johannesson, noting however that its value depends on the real estate market. There are 97 lots in Phase Three and the town, according to Mr. Johannesson, hopes to get $25,000 per lot (once completed) while the minimum price should be $15,000 per lot.

Mayor Bob Mayhew noted that there are approximately 345 lots available elsewhere in town and suggested the decision be tabled for one month.

"It's important to settle this one way or another in the very near future," said councillor Alex Ealtt.

The issue was tabled for one month.

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ALBERTACARE

New Fish & Wildlife office expected before summer

A new Fish and Wildlife office in Drayton Valley will not likely be open by April 1, the target date, but should be open before summer, says the regional officer.

The Fish and Wildlife department has approved an office for Drayton Valley but the department's total budget has yet to be accepted by the government.

However, says Neil Maki, the regional officer, "I'm actually ordering materials for the Drayton Valley office, that's how certain I am."

"When the office space will be approved and when the red tape will be cleared, I don't know, but I expect the office will be open before summer," he added.

The department has asked Government Services to locate the office in the town's Provincial Building and renovations will be needed before the office is opened.

The Drayton Valley Fish and Wildlife office will have one officer and possibly a full or part-time secretary. The closest offices are now in Evansburg, Stony Plain and Wetaskiwin.

Fish and Wildlife officers are involved in trapping regulations, animal encroachment on farmland, beaver control, problems with bears and campgrounds, fishing and hunting licenses, wounded wildlife and checking for dealers.

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Bottle depot is booming

By Jayne Creighton

Business is booming at the Beehive bottle depot, since the beer strike ended three weeks ago.

Sales are up approximately [illegible] in the last month (from $3,000 to $8,000 a month) because people are cleaning out their basements to get rid of an [illegible] storage of beer bottles.

But manager Carol Graham says although they love the extra money, the extra work caused by some people who don't know how to prepare the bottles is making it harder for everyone.

What the Beehive would like to see people sort out their various bottles into different sizes and kinds at home. All the Canadian and imported beer bottles should be in separate boxes, all the [illegible] sized pop bottles separated, and all the plastic bottles gathered together.

The Beehive would appreciate if the bottles were placed in boxes, so the trainees could easily count them. Pulling dozens of bottles out of paper and plastic bags just takes more time for the workers, the people returning their bottles, and the people waiting in line behind them.

On Saturdays the Enoch are steady all day, says Mrs. Graham. If people could just sort out their bottles at home, it would save everyone a lot of time.

The Beehive will no longer be accepting bottles in bags.

For sanitary reasons, bottles must also be clean.

The Beehive bottle depot pays the following for various types of bottles and cans:

Canadian beer, one case - $1.20.
Imported beer - 60 cents.
10 oz. pop bottle - 10 cents.
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1.5 litre plastic bottle 20 cents.
Liquor bottle - five cents.
Cans (juice and pop) - [illegible]

For more information, call the Beehive at 542-8113.

Beehive to get pallet contract

The Beehive wood workshop has a new contract with an Edmonton cement company to build pallets, and the profit ratio is much larger than with a previous contract, says shop foreman Jim Dougan.

Inland Cement of Edmonton contacted the Beehive Workshop last November after they read an article in the Western Review about the shop's pallet making.

The Beehive has now been hired to build pallets for the company, which will bring a profit of $3.50 per pallet. The Beehive can supply between 125 and 150 pallets a week, says Mr. Dougan.

The new contract is a challenge, he adds, in that now the Beehive will be purchasing its own lumber, it will need more labor, and it will be responsible for delivery of the pallets to Edmonton.

The Beehive could expand its pallet making operations in the future, but Mr. Dougan says he doesn't want to sacrifice the training aspect for increased production. "The training aspect is number one—production is secondary."

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County council increases its wages by 12 per cent

County councillors last week turned down a recommended 14 per cent increase in their honorariums and subsistence payments, and instead gave themselves raises of 12 per cent over 1980 figures.

Councillors disagreed with giving themselves a 14 per cent raise, and according to Division 5 councillor George Mann, an increase of any kind shouldn't be allowed.

"We are supposed to be doing this for the good of the community and not for any monetary satisfaction," councillor Mann said.

The increase will give the councillors a basic honorarium of $4,256 per year, up from the 1980 figure of $3,800, while the reeve of the county will receive $5,750.85 per year, up from last year's honorarium of $5,134.

The deputy reeve will receive an honorarium of $5,004.15 in 1981, up from the 1980 figure of $4,468.

Subsistence payments were also increased, and councillors will now receive $62.128 per year in expense money, up from the $1,800 paid last year.

For special meetings and meetings of boards, committees and commissions, councillors will receive $60.64 per meeting in honorarium payments and $39.20 in subsistence payments.

Half-day or evening meetings will pay an honorarium of $40.32 per meeting and subsistence of $19.60.

For overnight meetings, such as conventions and workshops, councillors will receive $56.24 per night honorarium and $110.88 per night subsistence and expense payments. In 1980, the amounts paid were $77 and $99.

As well, the mileage paid to councillors was increased to 32 cents per mile from the 1980 figure of 29 cents per mile.

While councillors gave themselves raises, they didn't neglect the other, minor county employees, and voted to give fire guardians, cemetery caretakers and park and nuisance ground caretakers salary increases of approximately 10 per cent.

Fire guardians received a raise of 55 cents, bumping their labor rate to $7.00 per hour.

Cemetery caretakers received an increase to $1200 per year from $1065 in 1980, while the Easyford Park caretaker was granted an increase to $300 per month from $260.

The park and nuisance ground caretaker in Lodgepole and Fallis' park caretaker received salary increases of $20, putting them at $220 per month, while the caretaker at the Fallis nuisance grounds received an increase of $5, putting his salary at $65 per month.

Park and nuisance ground caretakers are paid only for the period April 1 to September 30 of each year.

Accident death

A 17 year-old Calahoo man died instantly last Saturday night when the truck which he was driving was involved in an head-on collision with another truck on Highway 16.

Mark Berube was driving his half-ton truck eastbound when it collided with another vehicle on the highway near Nojack.

Two men in the westbound vehicle were taken to Drayton Valley hospital with minor injuries, and were later released.

The westbound truck was driven by Laurence Lamoe of Sylvan Lake. The passenger was Carla Hazel, also of Sylvan Lake.

Evansburg RCMP are continuing their investigations.

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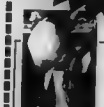

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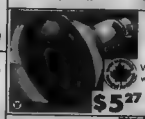

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Missing pipe angers contractor

The manager of a local construction firm is angry at the town's water and sewer department over a missing section of sewer pipe which has caused water seepage in a basement of a house under construction.

WHERE IS THE connection? How much sewer pipe is missing is still unknown but a section is missing and as a result two inches of water collected in the basement of a house under construction in the Celebrity Heights subdivision.

Though the exact nature of the problem has yet to be discovered, some section of sewer pipe is either missing or misplaced between the property line of the house and the main sewer line underneath the street in the Celebrity Heights subdivision.

The problem was discovered last Monday (March 16) when ground water stopped draining into the sewer line and backed up into the basement of the home nearing completion. About two inches of water collected on the basement floor.

"I figure there is about 10 to 20 feet of pipe missing but I'm guessing," says Ed Tremblay, manager of Lasbou Developments Ltd. The mistake likely occurred when the Water and Sewer department installed the main sewer and water lines in the subdivision a couple of years ago.

Though the damage to the basement is minimal, says Mr Tremblay, the town will likely have to dig up the whole area again and lay down more pipe. The driveway will have to be broken up as well, he says.

What bothers Mr. Tremblay is the waste of taxpayers' money to rebuild or redo something which should have been done properly in the first place.

Ed Tremblay

"In this one instance with the men, vehicles and equipment to attempt the repairs, the final will cost from $10,000 to $15,000 of the taxpayers' money," he predicts.

Mr. Tremblay believes it is similar mistakes in the Public Works department that is creating tax problems and excessive expenditures for the town.

"The town is running over its budget, we have to have tax increases... we've got to prevent things like this from happening," he says.

Mr. Tremblay says the town should pay higher wages to attract better qualified people into its Public Works department. "They would save more money in the long run," he affirms.

It's very important the town have a Public Works department with people anxious to work and willing to take a responsible attitude to their work, he adds.

The sewer line from the house was hooked up to a connecting line which should have been connected to the main sewer line running under the street.

When the water back-up

(Continued on page 25)

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DRAYTON VALLEY DINT from only two streets in town is piled high at the town's public works department. Fred Gaylon, public works foreman says the pile is just from two days of cleaning 50 St. and 50 Ave. It's a bad year for dirt, he says, adding that more sand has been brought in this year with vehicles. The milder winter could have something to do with it as well.

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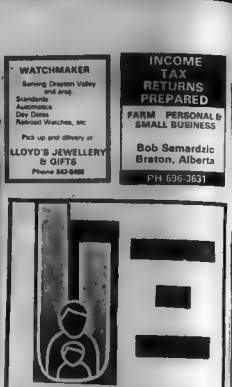

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HAPPINESS IS HAVING SOMEONE

someone to talk to and to do things with. Both you and a boy can benefit greatly from involvement in Uncles at Large.

Director Brown submits resignation

Ron Brown, the town's recreation director, has submitted his resignation effective when the town finds a replacement.

Mr. Brown said last week he did not want to resign but had to due to his wife's serious illness.

"I'm extremely sorry to be leaving Drayton Valley. If I had choice, I'd rather stay," he told council.

Councillor Alex Salti said as council's representative on the recreation board, he found Ron Brown had done a "tremendous job" and it would be hard to find a replacement with as much experience and integrity.

Mr. Brown also offered his services to help the town find a replacement and assist the recreation department until a new recreation director has been hired.

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Starter home on 43rd Ave 3 bedrooms & extra room open newly decorated, 8 new carpet 7 years old Central air & fridge & stove Owner relocated and open to offers R481

Lodgepole Well kept family home with partially developed basement, attached [illegible] garage Perfect for your first [illegible] and budget! [illegible] $42,500 R490

Breezeburg Your last stop further on this excellent bungalow 1000 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, full basement and double garage Needs only a paint job & someone to call a Royal $48,000. R494

Wildwood 2 year old, 2 bedroom bi-level with 2 bedrooms down Large corner lot in quiet area Assumable Abt. Home Mortgage at 10 ¼ % [illegible] or offers. R473

Wildwood - Close to downtown Well kept older 4 bedroom semi-bungalow Full basement Extra well as possible Owner bid. $49,900. R 1021

[illegible] 3 bedroom bungalow, on 99 x 125 [illegible] garage Park location Land has been re-[illegible] to commercial Ideal location for business R334

Townsheek Small acreage in town minutes house. Full basement Nicely landscaped and treed Double Garage with 16 ft. doors Ideal for those who want Revenue! Investment with low rate assumable financing, 4 new fully rented 2 - 2 bedroom suites & 1 single bedroom suite. Common laundry area & ample parking Close to downtown R443

Residential Lots - Available in Aspenview Subdivision All services prepaid Various sizes Reasonably priced R108

Side by side duplexes 1140 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths Fireplace Full basements and carports. Front yards landscaped R102 R103

Practical Home! 1080 sq. ft. 3 storey condo 2 bedrooms 1½ baths Sundeck & utility room. Developed basement Sundeck & carport $62,500 R476

For the busy couple Cozy living in this 1080 sq. ft. condo 3 bedrooms, nicely carpeted Stove & fridge Full basement Sundeck & carport $61,000. R478

Reduced living 3 bedroom condo 1½ baths Flush carpeting Sundeck Appliances Completed basement and yard Carport Paved driveway $66,500 R488

[illegible] to all churches & schools Ideal young family location 3 bedrooms Completed basement with extra bedroom & rumpus room Ensuite & shower In-[illegible] & double garage $72,500 R 1019

Hillcrest Area Immaculate 1120 sq. ft. 3 bedroom bungalow 1½ baths Newly carpeted, convenience kitchen Livedroom/dining rm. Well designed rumpus rm. with acorn fireplace Landscaped Fenced. Double heated garage. $69,000 or offers. R505

RIMLEY Older 1100 sq. ft. bungalow 3 bedrooms, Located in quiet area. Fairly new double garage with work benches R488

Violet Grove 7/10 acres with well kept 2 bedroom bungalow Large kitchen area Nicely landscaped yard with full grown spruce Vendor will carry mortgage at 12% R490

Lodgepole Well kept 3 bedroom bungalow Extra bedroom and bath in basement Sundeck Double shade. Large lot with full grown spruce trees on the south. $42,000. R502

Lindale Southeast of Rimbey ½ acre of land. Cozy 2 room cottage Private on Province hosting island next by living. R472

Entwistle Beach - Older home on large beautiful land access lot with view of Wabamun Lake Home situated on northern outskirts of Entwistle Beach Paved road right by front yard Green house compete with bridge Move & or major appliances included. R503

Lac St. Anne Summer village of West Cove beautifully landscaped double lot 123 ft. x 99 ft. ranch style home, with view of Lac St Anne Access to lake & one block away Features Franklin fireplace and bar in cozy family room and double attached garage R502

Two bedroom home in Hillcrest Area Well maintained panelled with concrete drive-way Fireplace Good lock R 1020

Large Residential Lot on 58 Ave & 45 St All services on Roads are paved R1035

Three Bedroom Home with full bath upstairs & ½ bath down Patio doors & deck, some development in basement R 1041

Completely remodelled 1 bedroom home Lot is landscaped with single garage Good location R 1042

Lots above payment required to assume this 11 ¾ mortgage 2 bedrooms upstairs with full bath Completed kitchen, dining & living room with ¾ bath on main floor R448

This semi-bungalow is situated on large corner lot which is landscaped Presently being rezoned R3 R482

Smaller 2 bedroom home across from school Land scaped & fenced in the back Garage R482

This 2 bedroom home comes complete with fridge stove & dishwasher Across from shopping mall R482

Smaller 1 bedroom home. Ideal location across from shopping mall. Presently being rezoned R3 R482

Family favorite 4 bedroom home with double garage Yard is landscaped & fenced in the back R488

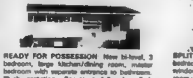
All under one roof! 2 bedroom house comes with family room & utility room Attached garage Yard is landscaped & fenced Centrally located R488

Timshelves 2 adjoining lots available or can be bought separately. Each lot $6a 900 R506

OPEN HOUSE on NEW HOMES in ASPENVIEW SUBDIVISION

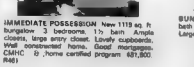
Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29
1 - 4 p.m.

GRUBER Construction Homes: All services are prepaid on these lots.



READY FOR POSSESSION New bi-level, 3 bedroom, large kitchen/dining room, master bedroom with separate entrance to bathroom. Plush carpeting. Basement fully drywalled. $89,000. Good mortgages. R482.

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION New 1119 sq. ft bungalow 3 bedrooms, 1½ bath. Ample closets, large entry closet. Lovely cupboards. Well constructed home. Good mortgages. CMHC fr /home certified program 681,800 R481

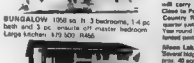


NEAR COMPLETION! Side by side Duplex 100 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths. Open kitchen. CMHC financing & home certified program. May be viewed 864-500 R496 67

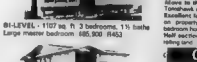
STANTON Development Homes Early Spring Possession: Services are prepaid on lots.

SPLIT LEVEL Desirable home 1883 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 1½ tripped living dining room with bay window Kitchen with small eating area. Family room with patio doors, fireplace. Laundry room and 2 pc. bath off family room. Attached double garage. R484

BUNGALOW 1056 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 1.4 pc bath and 3 pc. ensuite off master bedroom Large kitchen. $79 500 R486



BI-LEVEL - 1107 sq. ft 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths Large master bedroom 685, 900 R483



TWO SIDE BY SIDE DUPLEXES 864 sq. ft 2 bedrooms 1 full bath Full and open basements. [illegible] R484 67

Residential lots in Aspenview Subdivision

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Mobiles

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Cymbria double wide mobile home for sale. Could be used for office & living quarters. Very adaptable M74

Breezeberg residential lot and 1975 mobile custom built, addition and large deck. Landscaped & fenced M79

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1976 Doublewide set up in Greenwood Mobile park. 1452 with 3 bedrooms.

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Acreages

Wiebung Approx. 4 ¾ acres. Some utilities. Close to lake. Good bldg. area. Lovely corner. $26,000. L88

Entwistle Approx 40 acres Rolling & treed land. On gravel roads. $38,900. L84

10 acres pit fenced landscaped big shop and other out bldgs Doublewide home is complete with 8 major appliances all in place. Deck & patio L84

Year old 1300 sq. ft. home on 3 acres. Landscaping completed, fenced and open view Double attached garage. Home includes country kitchen & deck with southern exposure Masonary brick fireplace in living room Barn and ¾ L79

Wheatland Wabamun Lot 20 acres with deluxe doublewide with many extras. Five acres landscaped, double garage. $ 171

Land investment development potential 35 120 acres available 2 miles from Drayton Valley Approx development or mobile home park Possibilities L82

New Raising Easyfort 35 acres fully serviced 2 ½ miles north of Cynthia Road Mobile Available L85

Entwistle 80 acres nestled in among the trees. 2 year old house with 3 bedrooms Only minutes from town L83

Wabamun view Fully treed & clad building area on these 3 ¾ acre parcels. Services to property line. Short distance from Drayton Priced from $19 500. [illegible] L17

East & North of Entwistle Beautiful Scenic Driving distance to Edmonton and Kaplville. Fully treed 3 acre parcel services to property line Good building sites. L38

Acreages

Wildwood Priced and ½ mile south of town 5.88 acres fenced. Fully serviced Old bush cabin 20x20 shop approx 2 years old Well hydro here. $55,000.

Bangudo 157 acres Fully treed and gently sloping Gravel approach good bldg. area $7,000. L77

Farms

Rose quarter in Buck Creek Ivy Rose Variety of trees Abundance of wildlife Otherwise 958 900 T148

Lake Front Acreage excellent for timber & recreation (overlooking Rose Several lovely bldg. sites F124

120 acres Near round corner 100 acres in pasture Lake runs middle now, garage, workshop corrals & self just like a park ½ mile from Pembina River Aerial photos available. F178

¼ Section at Lindale - beautiful building site Possible subdivision F124

Close to Tomahawk good high land, 80 acres. Lovely view Corrals 3 years fenced. Beautiful 1480 sq. ft. bungalow 3 bedrooms, fireplace. Double attached garage. Must be viewed F185

Tomahawk Creek property Fully treed 160 acres 3 room cottage. F101

Barrymoor 160 acres of high land and sloping 40 acres cleared. Oil revenue. Good bldg. site. Power in. [illegible] F148

Bush Creek 1 - 160 acres , half cleared, fenced. Yard fenced and fully service Bug out, on good road. Oil revenue. F148

Jubilee 5 mile off pavement Good land level and slight. Ideal for farming or cross fencing. Well suited to hay Available for immediate possession F 1

Breezeberg 164 acres all cleared Rolling land Fully fenced. Older 2 bedroom bungalow and some other bldgs F179

Willesden Green Quarter section approx. 40 acres open Forested Pond. Good bldg. site F177

North of Wildwood Reconsidered quarter fully treed. Creek through property Lots of Wildlife. F80

Goldenhill half section 160 acres in hay Land & slightly rolling. Some fencing F185

Hillcrest Farm 120 acres reconstructed land area mile off Cynthia highway eight miles from Drayton Oil revenues included Low down payment and vendor will carry balance at 2% below mortgagee rate Close to Pembina & Fairfield park F168

Country Retreat New Lindal cedar home on full quarter just 1 ½ miles off pavement in Wildwood area Year round flowing creek. 6 ½ acres in hay & 30 acres of tame pasture. F168

Moose Lake - 2 adjoining ½'s just 2 miles off busy Edmond hwy. Miles on property. Gravel pit located on spot. 40 acres F177

Moose in the country These 78 acres are located in Tomahawk area Power available F168

Excellent farming on these 2 ½ A. Creek & pasture on property Fenced & cross fenced Corrals 2 bedroom home & other bldgs. F162

Half section east to south of Drayton Valley Slightly rolling land 100 acres in hay on good gravel roads F178

Commercial

Busy family business Possibility of lease to own In-clutes Dealership land equipment Parts & living quarters. Call for more information [illegible] C 1

Investment Opportunity Edmonton location. Lease back or negotiable rental outlet. All equipment included C80

Home business Lovely home with treated test of warehousing and office space now available. Large overhead door with yard space at rear. Subdivision is all serviced, with curbs and pavement in.

Sport shop with 3 bedroom living quarters in Lodgepole. Perfect for business for young couple [illegible]

Second Investment - 3 warehouses, triple net lease Boys with offices. Reasonable mortgages. 5% C.C.A. C81 C47 C48

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Retail investment potential for the future 124 acres, approved for mobile and mobilular home park Lovely 2 or old bungalow with fireplace sundeck & more C77

Business & land Hardware store, the only one in town 2880 sq. ft. of retail space Business doing well 1280 sq. ft. of living space on top floor 3 bedrooms, fireplace. Ideal family business Also Canadian Liquid Air Dealership

Entwistle Auto bodyshop & wrecking business 3000 sq. ft. wood constr. bldg. 2000 sq. ft bldg. with 3 bays & small office Ideal family business or for 2 or 3 partners

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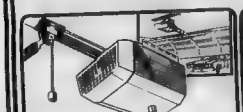

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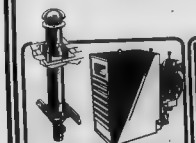

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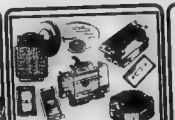

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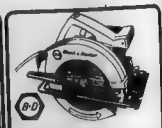

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County to seek fire agreement with area towns

The County of Parkland will ask all towns and villages within its boundaries to join a mutual aid agreement that would allow member municipalities access to fire and emergency equipment throughout the county.

The agreement, which currently covers the towns of Stony Plain and Spruce Grove, as well as the county, sets out the regulations regarding borrowing of equipment by the member municipalities from any town or village in the county. Drayton Valley's fire chief says the pact would only serve to formalize a common practice.

"The county fire truck that we have stationed here can be used for town fires, and if I need more equipment for me in town, or in any section of the county, I only have to call Lodgepole or Tomahawk, and they will respond," fire chief Sheldon Fuson says.

Similarly, he adds, those hamlets are free to ask Drayton Valley for more equipment, should the county trucks stationed there prove to be inadequate for a major fire.

Under the agreement, requests for mutual aid will be restricted to the use of municipally owned equipment and municipal employees, except in the case of volunteer fire fighters belonging to the department of the town or village involved.

As well, a municipality need not respond to a call for mutual aid if that area's fire situation is in doubt, and would be entitled to pull loaned equipment back if the need arose.

"That's pretty much the way it works now," chief Fuson says. "I'm free to use a county truck for a fire in town, but if there is a fire in the county, that truck has to respond immediately, even if it's in the middle of fighting a town fire."

Any town taking advantage of mutual aid will be responsible for paying the costs of mobilization and movement, the agreement says.

Drayton Valley town council is expected to decide whether it wants to enter into the mutual aid agreement at a future meeting. Participation in the program is optional.

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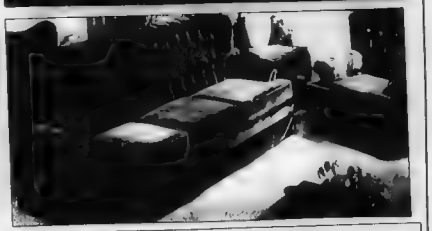

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No census this year

After weighing the advantages and disadvantages, town council decided last week against holding a census to determine Drayton Valley's population this summer.

The town had hoped to use statistics from a national census which will begin on June 2, but a letter from the provincial Municipal Affairs department indicated the results of that census won't be released until 1982.

Municipal Affairs advises municipalities to conduct a population census each year because higher populations mean more per capita grants from the provincial government.

However town council discussed the possibility with the current economic downturn in town that the population could take a decline this year from June of last year.

It was also noted that if the town proceeds with water and sewer capital projects and the population census reveals an increase, the town would pay more for the projects since the municipality's share of the cost is based on per capita population.

Council passed a motion against holding a census with councillors Alex Salt and Bob Booth voting against the motion.

Road projects total $4.3M in 1980

Road constructions and improvements cost as estimated $4.3 million in 1980, according to an annual report submitted by Park land County engineer John Twech.

The projects involved 39 miles of road construction, one mile of road reconstruction and 19 miles of paving.

Six of the 18 construction projects were contracts out, at an approximate cost of $600,000, while the remaining 12 were done by county work forces, at an approximate cost of $521,000.

The costs in both cases are exclusive of land acquisition, fencing and relocations.

One mile of internal subdivision road was rebuilt, at a cost of about $177,000. According to the report, the project was costly due to "extremely poor subsoil conditions, a scarcity of suitable construction materials" and extensive problems with underground utility relocations.

A total of four paving projects were carried out on 19 miles of roads, at a total cost of about $3,085,000.

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Seniors raise $$$ for TV screen

By Jayne Creighton

The Shangri-la Lodge social club is trying to raise money to purchase a $6,000 50 inch TV screen, and last week the Frank Maddock High School students union pitched in $54.35.

Mabel Byers, president of the club, says the large screen, which is already in the living room area of the lodge is getting people out of their rooms more.

"People have a tendency when they move here to just sit in their room," says Mrs. Byers. The new screen is part of a large video projection system.

The club has already received $1,100 in donations from the Legion and the R.N.O.P. Last week, the students union donated money which had been raised during a raffle of a radio. The school won the radio during the Ice Carnival two weeks ago.

"It's fantastic to think the young people would consider helping the senior citizens out, as they have so many of their own things to get," said Mrs. Byers. "They thought of the Shangri-la Lodge social club, which is really grand."

The seniors, who have the video system "on approval" can rent leading movie cassettes from Edmonton. They can also tape movies which are shown on TV and play them back.

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Suburban post service will start soon

By Le-Roy Robinson
Postmaster

The Drayton Valley Post Office will soon start a delivery service to the outer perimeter of the town.

Known as a "suburban service," it will allow residents to pick up their mail in a specific location near their homes.

These locations are those which have the green Bantl situated in various areas around the outside perimeter of the town. It is hoped to begin this service in early April. The exact date will be known as soon as contract arrangements are concluded.

As soon as you have located your particular street address on one of the group boxes, you should place a padlock on the compartment with your address on it.

If you have a lock box at the post office, you will be asked to close this box and use your street address as your mailing address.

The reason we are asking you to close your mail box at the post office is to make more boxes available for business concerns. There are many people who, because we have no more boxes available at the post office, have to receive their mail through general delivery.

It is hoped that the suburban service will release more boxes to these people and cut down on the long line-ups at the post office which are frustrating to both the customers and the postal clerks.

If the people make use of the suburban service as expected, it will result in a better and much quicker service at the post office.

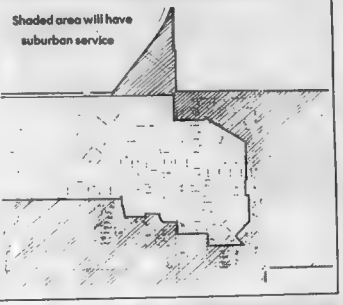
There is no cost for the suburban service except for the padlock which you must provide for your individual compartment.

If you live in a suburban service area and feel that you cannot give up your lock box, the rent on the lock box will double.

There will be a mailing slot at each group box site which will be cleared daily Monday to Friday. All parcels that will not go into your compartment will be carded and picked up at the post office in the usual fashion (the same goes for all personal contact items—registers, CODs, etc.).

We will be issuing more information in the near future as to the exact starting date of this service. At this time we will ask the people in the suburban service delivery areas to clean their mail boxes at the post office and commence using their street addresses as their mailing address (including apartment numbers and postal code - T0E 0M0).

Please feel free to inquire at the post office if you have any question regarding this service.



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Rented lots can't be claimed as deduction

By Steve Serenco
Public Accountant

Question: We rent a trailer lot, can we claim renters assistance on this rental expense?

Answer: No. Only residents (in a home, trailer or in some cases a hotel room) which have been rented for no less that 180 days in the calendar year may be claimed on Alberta's Renters Assistance.

Question: I live with my common law wife and support her fully. May I deduct her as a dependent?

Answer: No. As of yet no Legislation provides for these situations outside a legal marriage situation.

Question: I spend six months of last year in the U.S. working for a U.S. employer. Must I report all my earnings in the U.S. on my Canada income tax return?

Answer: Yes. You must. If you were in the U.S. for less than 183 days and earned less that $5,000 you would get a refund of taxes withheld in the States. However, if the period exceeded 183 or you earned over $5,000, you must file a U.S. return, paying the calculated tax.

Question: I am a commission salesman and I use my automobile daily performing the duties of a salesman. Can I claim expenses on the car against my income?

Answer: Yes, however the burden of proof is always upon you to substantiate any claim for a deduction. You are obliged to maintain adequate records to validate your claim. Actual receipts and vouchers are the best evidence of disbursement along with a mileage record showing either business or personal miles.

Question: I am a working mother and I paid $700 babysitting fees for the care of my child while working. May I deduct this amount on my tax return?

Answer: Yes, you may with the following restrictions. You may deduct the lesser of (A) the amount actually paid, (B) an amount equal to two thirds of your earned income or (C) a maximum of $1,000 per child, maximum of $4,000 per family.

Request from developer rejected by town council

Town council turned down a developer's request last week to reconsider its share of costs to build a paved road along 50th Avenue east towards the drive-in.

Amez Developments, according to town manager Bill Johansson, has asked council to reconsider its share of the expected cost of the total project (about $900,000 in 1980 dollars).

Amez's share of the cost was set at $235,000 but said Mr. Johansson, "they felt the style and degree of the work was more than a town of this size needs."

Some of the base work on the 32 foot paved road was completed last year and the rest of the project is scheduled to continue this spring.

"The financing is already in place, except for Amez's," said the town manager, "the gravel is already stockpiled and the asphalt plant is ready once the weather permits."

There are provisions in the road project to add another 28 foot paved lane to 50th avenue when required the future

Town council voted to maintain the existing agreement which requires Amez to pay $235,000 for the road construction.

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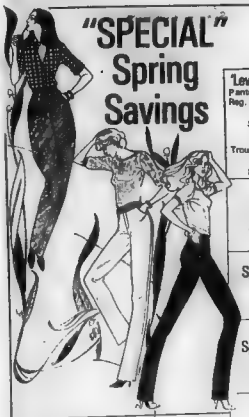

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Socreds advise school changes

Alberta Social Credit leader Ged Sykes has called for a fundamental overhaul of the province's educational system.

In a speech to the Calgary Educational Progress Club on March 16, Mr. Sykes outlined some of the approaches the Social Credit Party is proposing to take in its education platform.

"Education decisions affect most directly the lives of both parents and children —and they must come first in consideration, before teachers and before administrations, when priorities are set," the Social Credit leader said.

Mr. Sykes did assert, however, that the teaching profession must be recognized as independent and self-governing, as long as it does not impinge on public policy. Although the Lougheed government has temporarily reversed its position, Mr. Sykes warned the integrity of the Alberta Teachers Association may face further attacks from the present government.

Outlining the Social Credit proposals, Mr. Sykes noted that all segments of the educational system, students, parents, teachers, administrators and trustees, were all frustrated with the present system within Alberta and felt that it was not serving them properly.

"All these concerns are the natural result of a top-heavy, over-centralized bureaucracy," he said, "which is too remote from its employers to serve them as they want to be served."

The proposals presented by Mr. Sykes include:

1) Parent choice must be re-established. This means alternatives, including private or special schools and greatly expanded opportunity for vocational programs.

2) Pupil grants per capita must follow the child—100 per cent. Concerned parents have to be given a better choice

3) All education costs must be funded from provincial revenue to relieve the property taxpayer of the education tax burden. This involves rectifying a broken promise of the Lougheed government.

The Social Credit position is that education has always been regarded as a provincial responsibility. That doesn't mean the province should dictate the various priorities of local school districts. The province should merely be requiring that the local school districts meet specified standards and stay within their budgets.

4) Education should be assisted through an education trust fund, a capital endowment fund to be created from the Heritage Savings Trust Fund and administered through the Legislature.

5) A small-school policy must be adopted which would prevent the closures now planned in Calgary for example. Neighborhood schools give a better education in the broad sense than the large "factory-type" schools being encouraged by the Lougheed government.

6) School boards must have the authority to match their responsibilities and be sensitive to the special needs in their local areas.

That means they can set their own priorities within the general budgetary guidelines.

7) Local autonomy has to be encouraged for local schools so that they are able to take initiatives within the general policy guidelines.

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1975/76	Nov. 1, 1984	$11.78
1976/77	Nov. 1, 1985	$16.07

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Victoria formula creates problems

By Joe Clark
Leader of the Opposition

A number of my constituents have written me asking about the difference between the Victoria formula which Mr. Trudeau supported by the NDP, proposes and the Vancouver formula, which my party has supported since the beginning of this important constitutional debate.

The Victoria formula suffers from two major deficiencies.

First it has no chance of being accepted by enough provinces to make it a "consensus formula."

Second, and as crucial, the Victoria formula discriminates among provinces by granting Ontario and Quebec a perpetual veto, regardless of future populations or developments, and denies that perpetual veto to every other province. It requires the consent of any two western provinces with 50 per cent of the population of the west.

Section 46 of Mr. Trudeau's proposal contains what the Liberals call a "deadlock-breaking mechanism" under which the federal Parliament alone has the power to initiate, set the rules for and define the question of a national referendum to change the constitution.

This provision would allow the federal government to ignore entirely the elected provincial governments and if accepted would end the federal nature of Canada.

The Vancouver formula known as the "Vancouver Consensus" would permit amendments to the Constitution with the approval of the federal Parliament and two-thirds of the provinces representing 50 per cent of the Canadian population.

However, it also has an "opting out" provision. Provinces not accepting any amendment which concerned provincial powers, rights and privileges, assets or property, or provincial natural resources, could decline to be affected by the amendment.

This would therefore recognize a province's fundamental right to retain rights and powers that it already has under the Constitution. Flexibility and the fact that it has already been agreed to in principle by all the provinces as recently as September of 1980 highly recommend the use of the Vancouver formula.

Joe Clark, MP

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Socreds advise school changes

Alberta Social Credit leader Rod Sykes has called for a fundamental overhaul of the province's educational system.

In a speech to the Calgary Educational Progress Club on March 18, Mr. Sykes outlined some of the approaches the Social Credit Party is proposing to take in its education platform.

"Education decisions affect most directly the lives of both parents and children —and they must come first in consideration, before teachers and before administrations, when priorities are set," the Social Credit leader said.

Mr. Sykes did assert, however, that the teaching profession must be encouraged as independent and self-governing, as long as it does not impinge on public policy. Although the Lougheed government has temporarily reversed its position, Mr. Sykes warned the integrity of the Alberta Teachers Association may face further attacks from the present government.

Outlining the Social Credit proposals, Mr. Sykes noted that all segments of the educational system, students, parents, teachers, administrators and trustees, were all frustrated with the present system within Alberta and felt that it was not serving them properly.

"All these concerns are the natural result of a top-heavy, over-centralized bureaucracy," he said, "which is too remote from its employers to serve them as they want to be served."

The proposals presented by Mr. Sykes include:

1) Parent choice must be re-established. This means alternatives, including private or special schools and a greatly expanded opportunity for vocational programs.

2) Per pupil grants per capita must follow the child—100 per cent. Concerned parents have to be given a better choice.

3) All education costs must be funded from provincial revenue to relieve the property taxpayer of the education tax burden. This involves rectifying a broken promise of the Lougheed government.

The Social Credit position is that education has always been regarded as a provincial responsibility. That doesn't mean the province should dictate the various priorities of local school districts. The province should merely be requiring that the local school districts meet specified standards and stay within their budgets.

4) Education should be assisted through an education trust fund, a capital endowment fund to be financed from the Heritage Savings Trust Fund and administered through the Legislature.

5) A small-school policy must be adopted which would prevent the closures now planned in Calgary for example. Neighborhood schools give a better education in the broad sense than the large "factory-type" schools being encouraged by the Lougheed government.

6) School boards must have the authority to match their responsibilities and be sensitive to the special needs in their local areas. That means they can set their own priorities within the general budgetary guidelines.

7) Local autonomy has to be encouraged for local schools so that they are able to take initiatives within the general policy guidelines.

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1975/76	Nov. 1, 1984	$11.76
1976/77	Nov. 1, 1985	$16.07

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Series	Maturity Date	Value at Maturity
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CANADA SAVINGS BONDS

Canada

Victoria formula creates problems

By Joe Clark
Leader of the Opposition

A number of my constituents have written me asking about the difference between the Victoria formula which Mr. Trudeau supported by the NDP, proposes and the Vancouver formula, which my party has supported since the beginning of this important constitutional debate.

The Victoria formula suffers from two major deficiencies.

First it has no chance of being accepted by enough provinces to make it a "consensus formula."

Second, and as crucial, the Victoria formula discriminates among provinces by granting Ontario and Quebec a perpetual veto, regardless of future populations or developments, and denies that perpetual veto to every other province. It requires the consent of any three western provinces with 50 per cent of the population of the west.

Section 46 of Mr. Trudeau's proposal contains what the Liberals call a "deadlock-breaking mechanism" under which the federal Parliament alone has the power to initiate, set the rules for and define the question of a national referendum to change the constitution.

Joe Clark, MP

This provision would allow the federal government to ignore entirely the elected provincial governments and if accepted would end the federal nature of Canada.

The Vancouver formula known as the "Vancouver Consensus" would permit amendments to the Constitution with the approval of the federal Parliament and two-thirds of the provinces representing 50 per cent of the Canadian population.

However, it also has an "opting out" provision. Provinces not accepting any amendment which encroached provincial powers, rights and privileges, assets or property, or provincial natural resources, could decline to be affected by the amendment.

This would therefore recognize a province's fundamental right to retain rights and powers that it already has under the Constitution.

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Energy dispute

Ministers to meet April 13

By Geoff White and Kevin Peterson

Hopes have been raised for settlement of the oil price conflict with the announcement of a meeting between Alberta Energy Minister Merv Leitch and Marc Lalonde, his federal counterpart, in Winnipeg in early April.

Mr. Leitch's invitation to Mr. Lalonde came as a surprise after frequent statements by the Alberta minister that there was no point to face-to-face talks unless Ottawa showed a clear willingness to change its National Energy Program.

No assurances were offered by Ottawa, but Mr. Leitch announced the meeting anyway the day after announcing the extension and improvement of drilling incentives for exploration companies.

Mr. Leitch said the new incentives, the details of which will be known shortly, were not an effort to repair the damage done to the exploration industry by the NEP.

But the incentives have been interpreted as a sign of flexibility in Alberta's position in that the province had previously said the oil industry would have to suffer through the NEP with no hope of the provincial government offering any relief from the pain.

The provincial energy minister has offered no hint that Alberta is prepared to compromise at the Winnipeg meeting. And questions have been raised whether the meeting may be only an effort to quash criticism that the province has been too intransigent by refusing to negotiate with the federal government.

Social Credit Rod Sykes most recently joins the chorus of critics of the government's stance, charging that Premier Lougheed was irresponsible to cut back oil production without having made any attempt to reach a deal with Ottawa in the five months since the announcement of the NEP.

The province's advocacy of much higher wellhead prices was buttressed however, with publication of a provincially-commissioned report on the impact of higher oil and gas prices by New York's Hudson Institute.

The report argued that all Canada would benefit from higher oil and gas prices because of the wave of new energy investment the new revenues would set off.

"If producer revenues were allowed to rise roughly in proportion to prices as domestic prices approached world levels, a vast potential for energy investment would be unleashed.

"This would be expected to result in a substantial increase in the gross national product."

Provincial officials, despite outward optimism, are still doubtful however, their message is getting through to the Canadian public.

The March 1 oil cutbacks of about 100,000 barrels per day didn't result in a drain on the federal treasury as the province intended, but resulted in the declaration by Mr. Lalonde of the "Longhood Levy" of two cents per litre of gasoline at the pumps.

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King makes changes

Education minister David King has announced a policy change to the principles of evaluation for teacher certification in the province. The change was effective Feb. 16, 1981.

"Matriculation," said the minister, "will no longer be considered an issue in the evaluation of those who apply for Alberta teacher certification."

Now, an applicant who presents a recognized four-year university degree, which might be deemed an equivalent of an Alberta university bachelor of education degree, will be considered eligible for teacher certification providing all other requirements are met.

Alberta

Department of Energy & Natural Resources

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The deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. The deposit of the successful bidder will be returned until all work has been satisfactorily completed.

The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted

C E PABUIN P Ag
Assistant Deputy Minister
Public Lands Division

Reclaiming land studied

A public seminar sponsored by the Alberta Land Conservation and Reclamation Council to discuss the Alberta government's reclamation research program was held March 5 and 6.

The program, funded through the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, was established in 1976 to examine reclamation goals and practices. It now consists of 32 individual projects and costs $1.5 million a year.

Research projects fall into three categories: plains coal mining, mountain and foothill mining and oil sand extraction.

The plains coal mining project is examining the productive ability of topsoil after surface mining, groundwater and watertable supplies and the ability of saline ground water to carry salts to reclaimed surface. These topics are being investigated in the Battle River coalfields south of Forestberg in co-operation with Alberta Power Ltd., Manalta Coal Ltd., and Luscar Ltd.

Methods for reclaiming mined land in the eastern slopes are being studied in the mountain and foothill coal mining program. One project involves genetic improvement of native grasses for adaption to shine and subalpine areas. Other studies look at surface amendments for grass and tree establishment.

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Taylor proposes child support remedy

Alberta Liberal leader Nick Taylor wants the Alberta government to adopt a system whereby once a court has decided the amount of child support or maintenance payable to a spouse, the paying spouse would pay into the provincial government and the government would in turn pay the amount to the recipient.

The payments to the recipient would continue on a regular basis even if no payments were received by the government. "The government would, of course, take action against the defaulting spouse in whatever form it deemed necessary to recover these payments."

Mr. Taylor claims that this latest Alberta Liberal plank is "social service in a humane way," in much ago the party called for a system of provincial loans to model paitles to pay senior citizen property taxes until death when the loan could then be repaid) would allow the recipient more human dignity and also save society money.

Mr. Taylor quoted the Law Reform Commission of Canada's 1976 report stating that 75 per cent of all maintenance orders fall into arrears at one time or other, and studies in Alberta in 1975 by a similar commission state that over 80 per cent of spouses had stopped paying before five years had passed, to prove the point of Manitoba family law expert Robyn Diamond, that it is "the most serious problem affecting the country in family law."

The Alberta Liberal leader says his party's recommended system, by removing the need for the receiving spouse to continually chase or argue for what is rightfully theirs, helps the receiving spouse and children preserve their self respect.

"In addition, it is more economical for society than the present system which often throws the recipient on welfare if payments are missed and because of the humiliating and demoralizing experience of waiting has such an adverse effect on the earning powers of the recipient and the children's later attitude towards society.

"It is no secret that a stable family life helps prevent later juvenile delinquency," Mr. Taylor concluded.

Missing pipe

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was discovered in the basement, Mr. Trembley says he ran a plumber's 'snake' into the line to unplug the line. However he realized the problem wasn't a plugged line, but a missing or improperly placed section of pipe, when the 'snake' ran a full 20 feet (beyond the property line). When the 'snake' was retrieved it had a ball of clay attached to the end, he says.

"I went to the town workshop and attempted to have it corrected but they didn't seem to terribly concerned," says Mr. Trembley.

"The sewer pipe connection is not there and it took them a week to determine that, and it'll likely take another week to fix it," he predicts.

Asked to explain the situation, town manager Bill Johanesca, in a written statement said "before any statement can be made, it is necessary to hold an enquiry on this incident to ascertain how and why it happened."

"This enquiry is going on right now with the involved people gathering information and researching the facts to bring into focus the complete picture. When all the facts are in and a complete story has been assembled, we will make it known. Also we are hopeful it will provide us with the knowledge to prevent such occurrences in the future," Mr. Johanesca also asked the public "to withhold any condemnation and criticism until all facts are in. Impulsive and inflammatory accusations will not remedy."

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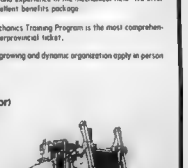

County police report on 1980

By Dale Lumm

The County of Parkland Police Department investigated a total of 2,274 complaints in 1980, according to the department's annual report.

The 32-page document, submitted to county council last week, outlines the department's activities in 1980, and indicates that the number of complaints rose of 1979. The department investigate 1,975 complaints in 1979.

"The biggest increase within this total was in County Bylaw Complaints from 182 investigated in 1979 to a whopping 845 in 1980," the report says.

"From this total," the report adds, "almost half of our complaints were County Bylaw related indicating a significant increase in public awareness of our jurisdiction."

The county police department does not have jurisdiction over Criminal Code-related activities.

Although not involved in Criminal Code violations, the county department participates heavily in crime prevention, enforcement of the Highway Traffic Act and other provincial and county statutes.

The report notes that while the manpower of the department has not increased since 1979, the department experienced substantial increases in complaints and investigations.

"The combination of trained, dedicated men and civilians and a highly responsible and seasoned Police Commission have contributed to the establishment of an efficient and professional Police Department to serve the increasing demands of the residents of the County of Parkland," the report says.

Also during 1980, the police department entered 5,623 presentations, up from the 5,283 entered in 1979.

Of the 5,623 prosecutions, 154 went to court, and 115 were successfully prosecuted. A total of 30 cases were dismissed and nine were withdrawn. The majority of prosecutions were summary convictions with fines.

An additional 822 charges were made for failing to appear in court.

Revenue

Total revenue from the prosecutions amounted to $245,989, an increase from the 1979 total of $226,974.

Significant increases in truck enforcement and weigh scale use were also observed in 1980, the report continues.

The department issued 292 summonses for overweight vehicles and other violations in 1980, compared to the 1979 total of 162.

As well, "the members and civilian staff continued to emphasize the importance of truck control by issuing a total of 2,564 overweight permits," the report adds. A total of 1,972 overweight permits were issued in 1979.

Besides accounting for the department's efforts in crime prevention and detection, the report also outlines the police department's role in the Operation Identification Program.

According to Cst. Randy Lennon's report, the Operation Identification program was instrumental in deterring crime in 1980.

"There can be no doubt that thefts and other criminal activities have been discouraged and public awareness of the county police enhanced through the efforts of four energetic students employed in this project," Cst. Lennon says in his report.

Besides administering the Operation Identification Program, the students took part in the operation of the county's Crime Prevention Bus, which visited fairs and events throughout the county during the summer.

"In assisting with these displays, the students... promoted the Operation Identification program and learned about other forms of crime prevention ranging from home and business security, to cheque fraud, to Block Parents, to drug and alcohol information, to Lady Beware," Cst. Lennon's report says.

As part of the Operation Identification Program, the students canvassed more than 2,000 homes in the county and marked an estimated 12,000 items. In addition, over 500 sets of skis, poles and bindings were marked during the program's visits to Lake Eden and Swiss Valley ski areas.

COUNTY OF PARKLAND NO. 31

NOTICE:

The following departments of the County of Parkland no. 31 have relocated to the County Services Building effective March 23, 1981:

Parks and Recreation — **Dog Pound**
Student Services — **Public Works Maintenance**
School Maintenance — **Vehicle Maintenance**
Early Childhood Services
School Construction
School Transportation
Educational Resource Library

The County Services Building is located ½ mile north of Stony Plain on the 5th Meridian. The telephone number will remain 963-2231

COUNTY OF PARKLAND NO. 31

The following Development Appeal Hearings have been scheduled to be held in the County Office in Stony Plain, Alberta on Wednesday, April 8, 1981 at the times noted:

11 a.m. — Request for time extension re excessive in operation of unlicensed vehicles and miscellaneous materials Lot 18, Plan 5801 K.S. Mooncrest Park.

10:30 a.m. — Proposed neon sign for Shakers Acres Lot 7, Plan 1948 TR., S.E. ¼ 33-28-4

Written submissions regarding this development must be received by the undersigned on or before April 7, 1981. Anyone wishing to attend the hearing is welcome to do so.

Barbara J. Frith, Secretary
Development Appeal Board
County of Parkland No. 31
Stony Plain, Alberta

COUNTY OF PARKLAND NO. 31

Public Works Accountant

The County of Parkland No. 31 has an opening in the Treasury Department for an accountant. Reporting to the Treasurer, the accountant is responsible for recording and coding of all costs for various Public Works projects recording and calculating all gravel inventory and costs, recording of costs relative to grant projects, completion of annual reports, billing of driveway maintenance and verification of Public Works invoices.

Applicants should possess a Grade 12 business diploma with an accounting background, along with the ability to recognize all elements of Public Works projects and communicate with field personnel.

Interested persons are requested to forward an application or apply in person, stating salary expectations, by April 3, 1981 at:

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Applicants must have a minimum on one year post-secondary school training in drafting at a recognized institution and should possess a minimum of two years experience.

Interested persons are requested to forward a resume or apply in person by Tuesday, March 31, 1981 at

County of Parkland No. 31
Stony Plain, Alberta
T0E 2G0
ATTN: G.N. PALAMARSK
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NOTICE
To Property Owners
County of Parkland No. 31

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Department of the County of Parkland No. 31 is commencing a general reassessment of all properties in the County in accordance with recent Provincial legislation.

We solicit and appreciate your cooperation in allowing the assessor access to your property when he/she calls in order that the assessments may be properly and expeditiously done.

O.W. SCHUSTER
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
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The County of Parkland No. 31, located west of the city of Edmonton, has an opening for a Psychometrician Educational Consultant.

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Mr. R. J. Toews
Assistant Superintendent
Educational Services
County of Parkland No. 31
Stony Plain, Alberta T0E 2G0
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County of Parkland No. 31
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL
1981

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the said municipality, made under the provision of the Municipal Taxation Act, has been prepared and will be open to inspection for thirty (30) days at the office of the Municipal Secretary of the municipality during business hours and that any person who thinks that any property has been assessed wrongly, too high, too low, or that the name or names of any person has been wrongfully entered upon or omitted from the roll, such persons may within 30 days from the day of giving this notice, notify the Municipal Secretary, in writing, of the particulars and grounds of his or her complaint.

Dated this 13th day of March, 1981.

D.E. Konelsky, A.P.A.
Municipal Secretary
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Beehive tired of being robbed

The Beehive Workshop has been broken into and robbed three times within the last year, and management is getting a little tired of it.

The first time the Beehive was robbed of $400, the second time, $1,000. The money had been kept in a drawer in the office.

But after the second robbery, management purchased a safe, which was locked inside a cabinet. Two weeks ago, culprits took the back door apart, broke open the cabinet, then the safe with crowbars, and stole $2,000.

Manager Carol Graham says the money will now be left at night depositories. "We just can't afford to have it happen again."

But Mrs. Graham is worried that people will continue to break into the workshop and if they find no money, will do damage to the building.

In between all the break-ins, locks have been strengthened, front and back doors have been changed, and mesh has been fitted on the windows.

The latest theft of $2,000 has really hurt," says Mrs. Graham. "It just puts us that much further behind. The bottle depot (which the money comes from) keeps us going. We're only partially funded by the government."

Yellowhead division

Teachers accept offer

Yellowhead School Division (YSD) teachers voted March 9 in favor of the latest contract offer from the YSD board of education, ending months of negotiations.

Judy Grigat, spokesman for Local 11 of the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) said last week the new offer, which differs in several key areas from one rejected by the teachers last month, was accepted by 77 per cent of the 130 teachers who voted. The total has a membership of approximately 300 teachers.

The offer gives the teachers a 13.2 per cent increase in salary, a 100 per cent dental plan, concessions in personal development fund allocations and administrative allowances.

Disagreement over the personal development fund and freezes on administrative allowances moved the teachers to reject the division's previous offer.

According to Ms. Grigat, the teachers turned down the original offer because the YSD board would make no moves to increase their contribution to the fund.

"We have a fairly large deficit in the fund, but they would make no move at all to increase the allocation," Ms. Grigat said last month.

As a result of last-ditch contract talks, however, the board offered to increase the allocation to the fund by about $1,300, slightly less than the $2,000 increase in donations the teachers had asked for.

"That doesn't cover all the deficit, but it helps, and the board has agreed to carry the remainder of the deficit for the next two years," Ms. Grigat noted.

In addition, the board decided to lift the freeze on administrative allowances, but to hold them at 1981 levels, at least for the time being.

The administrative allowance is paid to principals and vice-principals, and is in addition to their regular salary.

The regular salary of teachers was also increased to 13.2 per cent, an increase of .1 per cent over the original offer.

Substitute teachers also received slight increases in per day pay, Ms. Grigat added.

Transfers cause pupil decline

A decline in enrolment of 20 students at H.W. Pickup Junior High from September, 1980 to January, 1981, has been attributed mainly to a number of students transferring out of town, according to a County of Parkland School Department report.

The report, prepared by Area 1 supervisor Mary Thachuk, and presented to school trustees Tuesday, [illegible] shows that of a net decline of 20 students, half of the loss is attributable to students transferring out of town.

"The population in Drayton Valley is quite transient, and as the number of people living there fluctuates, so does the number of children attending schools," Mr. Thachuk says.

Of the remaining losses, about 20 per cent were due to mid-year promotions to Frank Maddock High School and the remainder reflect the number of students dropping out of school.

"We don't feel there is anything to be concerned about in these figures, but the trustees noted the drop in attendance, and they just wanted to be made aware of the reasons," Mr. Thachuk says.

As a comparison, Memorial Composite High School in Stony Plain experienced a net drop of 31 students, with the majority due to students completing their diploma requirements, the report shows. Other reasons given in the report include students leaving to take work and others merely not showing up for classes.

TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY

Invitation to Tender
TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY
SOUTH SANITARY TRUNK
SEWER PHASE IIA

Sealed tenders marked "Tender of Town of Drayton Valley, South Sanitary Trunk Sewer Phase IIA" will be received at the Administration Offices of the Town of Drayton Valley, 5146 51 Avenue, Drayton Valley, Alberta T0E 0M0, up to 2:00 p.m. local time, Wednesday, April 15, 1981.

The work involves the following:
(a) Installation of approximately 3670 linear metres of 600 mm diameter vitrified clay tile pipe
(b) Supply and installation of manholes, stubs and various other appurtenances
(c) Connections to the existing system

Contract documents may be examined at the Edmonton Office of Associated Engineering Services Ltd. and also in the Town of Drayton Valley, Administration Office.

Contract documents will be available for pick up by interested general contractors at the Administration Offices of the Town of Drayton Valley, 5146 51 Avenue, Drayton Valley, Alberta T0E 0M0 on or after Thursday, March 19, 1981 upon deposit of $100.00 per set, the deposit being non-refundable.

Tenders must be accompanied by either a Bid Bond as specified or a Bid Deposit in the form of a certified cheque made payable to the Town of Drayton Valley.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

M. S. Deol
Director of Engineering
Town of Drayton Valley
5146 51 Avenue
Drayton Valley, Alberta
T0E 0M0

TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY

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Please submit your hourly rental rates to the undersigned at the Town Office. The hourly rate should include all hauling charges to the Landfill site each time.

M.S. Deol,
Director of Engineering
and Development

TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY

SUPERVISORY POSITION IN PUBLIC WORKS

We are looking for an individual responsible for strict and efficient implementation of the overall upkeep, repair and replacement programmes of all existing transportation and drainage facilities under Public Works department.

Duties and responsibilities include:
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- Responsible for effective planning, organizing and scheduling of man power, materials and equipment required for each operation under the approved Budget
- Demonstrate initiative, motivation, effective communication skill, cooperation and coordination with subordinates and superiors. Good judgment in dealing with the Public

Past experience in similar field knowledge and operation of heavy equipment will be an asset. Salary Range $8.88 per hour to $12.05 per hour depending upon experience. Interested parties should submit their applications with detailed resume to the undersigned not later than 27th of March, 1981 or call at 542-5327.

M. Deol
Director of Engineering

TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY

INVITATION TO TENDER

PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE REPAIR SHOP VENTILATION SYSTEM

Sealed tenders marked "Tender for the Town of Drayton Valley Public Works Vehicle Repair Shop Ventilation System" will be received at the Administration Office of the Town of Drayton Valley, 5146-51 Avenue, Drayton Valley, Alta. up to 2 p.m. local time, Monday, April 6, 1981.

The project involves the supply of all labour, materials and equipment required for the installation of ventilation system. The Drawings and specifications are available at the Town Office during working hours.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

M S. Deol,
Director of Engineering
And Development,
Town of Drayton Valley

TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

Under the Town of Drayton Valley bylaw 79-29, any dogs found running at large are subject to impoundment and a fine levied against the owner.

If the animal is not claimed or the owner cannot be located within 72 hours of impoundment it will be destroyed.

For this reason it is very important that the animal wear a current license tag at all times so the owner can be identified and located.

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Oil Review 1981

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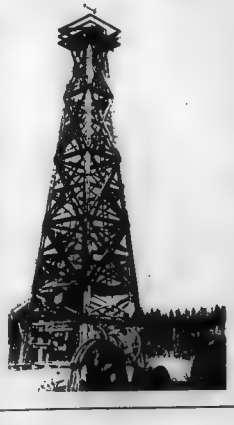

The National Energy Program has cast a dark shadow over the future of the oil and gas industry in the Drayton Valley area.

Company expansions have been delayed, if not put off permanently, drilling programs have been curtailed, low-yielding wells have been shut in, service rigs are sitting idle, and man-hours of employment have been drastically reduced.

According to the latest ESA survey $2.34 million in gross income (compared to 1980) have been lost to the town because of the negative impact of the federal program.

Expansion plans worth $10.5 million and equipment purchases worth $7.6 million have been delayed.

The loss, as mayor Bob Mayhew has warned, is not only to the oil industry itself but to the whole town—less hours of work, less expansion and less buying of equipment ... altogether means less money spent in every business in Drayton Valley.

Up until now, the burden of protest has rested almost entirely on the local Energy Services Association of Alberta, the oil companies from their head offices in Calgary and the provincial government.

It is time the town council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Retail Marchants' Association and virtually every group in town with a stake in the future of Drayton Valley add their voices to the chorus of protest.

Built on oil and gas, Drayton Valley cannot afford complacency. The very existence of the town would be put in jeopardy by a continued downturn in the oil and gas industry.

An area which could be given particular attention is the eight per cent tax as applied to marginal wells. There is absolutely no justification for such a tax on wells that are low producing and already close to being uneconomic. In some parts of the United States, (such as Kansas) even wells producing one barrel of oil per day return a profit to the producing company.

A second area which should be pursued is high prices for enhanced recovery methods. The federal government in its energy program has [illegible] that will be incentives or higher prices for enhanced recovery but the details have not been made clear.

In many ways Drayton Valley is a microcosm of Alberta. We have a declining resource which has been (and still is) the mainstay of the economy.

Tertiary recovery methods such as miscible flooding, though still in the experimental stage, offer hope that the oil industry will be kept busy for decades ahead in conventional oilfields in Alberta.

But the federal government must be persuaded that much more oil can be coaxed from fields such as the Pembina Cardium in the Western Sedimentary basin, if it is to change its energy program which shifts the focus of production away from 'gas-rich' Alberta to 'oil-rich' frontier areas and tar sands development.

Meanwhile the town of Drayton Valley must fully explore ways of diversifying its economy pending the inevitable day when oil and gas wells run dry.

Exploitation of the aspen reserves in the area is one area where the provincial government should be lobbied hard to locate pilot-projects, research plants, and (hopefully) eventually a commercial timber plant in Drayton Valley.

Agriculture, tourism, coal development, and regional government services are other areas the town may look to in the future.

If such developments can be attracted or encouraged in the Drayton Valley area over the next 15 to 20 years as the oil and gas fields decline, the town will keep a healthy growth rate.

Oil and gas development has built this town, given it a unique character, and led to rapid growth in less than 20 years from a motley collection of shacks to a modern, sophisticated economic centre.

The town owes its past to the oil and gas industry. With proper government policies, the town will continue to grow with the oil industry as new technology is applied to declining fields.

However, to ensure a prosperous future, Drayton Valley must begin to diversify its economy and push hard for changes to the federal government's energy program.

By Rick Charland, Editor

Oil situation, town's future concern mayor

"There are people who are looking across the border, there are people travelling back and forth ... and to me that's a scary situation."

So says the mayor of Drayton Valley, a town built around a conventional oil and gas field which stands to suffer most from the federal government's national energy program.

Mayor Bob Mayhew said he was shocked when he saw the results of the Energy Services Association survey showing a dramatic decline in business activity in Drayton Valley.

"I didn't think it was as bad as the survey showed," he says, "if these companies all back off ... the end result could be devastating for the town."

The mayor says he will take a more active role in protesting the federal government's national energy program. The matter will be brought up at a town council meeting to decide what the town can do and Khaly letters will be sent to both Premier Lougheed and federal energy minister Marc Lalonde.

He has also urged people in town to join the Energy Services Association to help fight the federal program.

"Ottawa is so damn far away, maybe they don't realize the impact their program is having," he says.

Bud Byram, president of the Services Association, confirms that many people in the service and supply sector are looking at moving to the United States.

"The philosophy of many is we better get our foot on the other side ... just in case," he says.

The town residents who have been hit hardest are the employees or owners of small outfits, often single proprietors in the service and supply sector, who are not diversified and who have borrowed money and can't afford a slow-down and still meet their payments.

The companies that are diversified will survive the downturn better, but even they cannot hold out forever if there is no change to the national energy program, says the mayor.

Tough to Plan

Moreover, adds Mr. Mayhew, the national energy program has made it difficult for the town to plan for the future. The town is facing major capital expenditures over the next five years to rebuild antiquated water, sewer, and road systems.

"Do we go ahead and spend all this money expecting a rise in population or will the population fall flat away?" asks the mayor.

"It's a good point," agrees Mr. Byram, "do you leave things as they are now, do you fix them up, or borrow money to plan for a bigger town?"

"If there is no change in the NEP we are going to have a decline in population," he predicts.

A good indication of the downturn, adds the mayor, is the drop in building permits from last year. Until the end of February, 1981, permits valued at $388,400 were issued compared to $1,597,000 by the end of February, 1980.

[redacted] problem brought about by the NEP, says the mayor, is the planned new Amoco district office which might have been located in town but is now "in limbo" because of uncertainty in the industry.

The mayor says he'd like to see all town residents get involved by joining the Energy Services Association and he'd also like to see the Chamber of Commerce get involved in the issue. Town residents should send letters to Mr. Trudeau or Mr. Lalonde, he adds.

"With the present state of the town, we need full employment," he says.

"We need the support of the mayor, every citizen and every club in town ... the money lost will never be recovered," adds Mr. Byram.

GAS PROCESSING PLANTS, such as this one currently being completed by Chevron west of Cynthia, bring more efficiency to oilfield operations. Besides the revenue gained from selling sweetened gas and Liquid Petroleum Gases, much of the gas is re-injected into nearby pools to maintain pressure and thereby extract more oil from the pools. Chevron's new $10 million gas processing plant is scheduled for completion by this May.

Firm still busy

Canada-Cities Service, which operates 300 wells in the Drayton Valley area, has not reduced its production since the National Energy Program, says the field [redacted]

Alan Hartley says his company will continue normal production practices, and major construction is planned for later this year.

Two batteries in the Drayton Valley area are scheduled to be built later this year. An increase in infill drilling is also expected, says the foreman.

Canada-Cities Service is just as active now as it has been in the past, said Mr. Hartley.

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Marginal wells dubious under NEP

By Rick Charland

The national energy program has not caused a major reduction in work for Mobil Oil Canada in the Pembina Cardium field, but it has the company to reduce repairs on 'uneconomic' wells.

Because of the new tax regime, says Roy Anderson, the local superintendent, economic returns for a barrel of oil are less and the threshold level at which a low yielding well becomes uneconomic is thus higher.

"We have no prospect [redacted] we are shutting it in wells, but if a well does not produces enough oil to be economic, we won't repair it," Mr. Anderson says.

"But we have not seen a significant drop-off in the amount of work we're doing and the amount of service we are doing," he adds.

The national energy program and the dispute between the provincial and federal governments have put oil companies in an "unstable situation," says the local superintendent, in which the companies cannot plan for the long term future.

"If the two governments cannot get together, I suspect you'll see a much harder look at the economics of production," says Mr. Anderson.

Mobil Oil, in response to the national energy program, announced last January it would cut its capital investment program in Canada by 40 per cent from a planned expenditure of $360 million to $195 million.

Some of the projects planned by the company in Canada may not go ahead. The test of economics will be applied to each project, according to the new tax regime brought in by the federal government.

Asked to comment on the future of oil and gas production in the Drayton Valley area, Mr. Anderson predicted there will be activity for many years to come if a reasonable netback is available to the producing companies.

No Doubt

"There is no doubt in my mind 20 years from now there will be people trying to produce oil from the area ...but it depends on new technological developments and the netback situation."

Mobil Oil operates about 620 oil production wells and 250 water injection wells in the Pembina field. Since the 1953 discovery of the Pembina field, Mobil's wells have produced a total of [redacted] barrels of oil [redacted] out of [redacted].

Peak oil production for Mobil's wells occurred in July of 1971 with a daily production rate of 42,200 barrels a day. Production is now down to 15,100 barrels a day of oil and 8,000,000 cubic feet a day of gas.

According to Mr Anderson, the Pembina Cardium field has proved to be a 'classic' case of improving oil recovery through water flooding.

By the early 1960s most of Mobil's wells had been converted to waterflooding. The company currently uses 16,900 barrels a day of water from the North Saskatchewan River.

The water is injected into the formations and forces the oil towards the producing wells. The water that is produced with the oil is re-injected into the formation.

Since peak production in 1971, oil production from Mobil's operations has dropped "very roughly" by 10 to 15 per cent a year, Mr. Anderson says.

Once waterflooding has recovered as much of the oil-in-place as it can, further enhanced recovery methods such as miscible flooding may be applied.

Technology?

But that, according to Mr Anderson, could well be five, 10 or more years down the line. "After waterflooding has recovered all it can, it's a question of do we have the technology to go, after the rest?"

Waterflooding is relatively cheap compared to miscible flooding, so waterflooding will likely be used to its maximum potential before further enhanced recovery techniques are tried.

But as recovery from waterflooding declines, then tertiary recovery becomes more economical.

Mobil Oil started a full scale miscible flood using propane in one area of the Pembina Cardium field in 1969. The company hoped the propane would not only push the oil towards the producing wells but 'wash' the oil from the formation as it went. The experiment was only partially successful and as a result the project was converted to waterflooding.

Mobil also tried a polymer (a thick, gelatinous fluid) flood in 1971 to fill the overlying conglomerate section above the oil producing zones. The conglomerate section absorbs too much of the water injected into the formation and conducts the water directly to the producing wells bypassing the oil zones.

The polymer flood, the company hoped, would make the water injection more successful. It was tried for two years with "very marginal" success, says Mr. Anderson, and was discontinued.

"We think there was a problem in the product we were using," he adds, noting that the company's research lab in Dallas is again testing polymer floods, though not necessarily for use in the Pembina Cardium field.

If polymer flooding succeeds some day in the future, it would provide a dramatic increase in oil/gas recoverable reserves from the Pembina field, though it couldn't be used in all areas of the Pembina field and it would not greatly increase individual well production.

"There will be at some point in time a lot of work done on tertiary recovery in the Pembina field but I don't know when or what process will be used," predicts the local superintendent.

Water flooding only recovers 30 to 50 per cent of the oil-in-place in the Pembina field, which leaves a great reserve of oil to be recovered.

Tertiary recovery is relatively new for oil companies and it is now in the investigative stage, according to Mr. Anderson. Feasibility studies must be made, then pilot projects must be tested and evaluated, so it will be at least five to 10 years, he predicts, before there is active tertiary recovery in the Pembina [redacted] field.

"It is a consideration being looked at but there hasn't been enough concrete evidence to say it would be a success," says Mr. Anderson. "I think it's still unknown technologically whether the [redacted] fluid can be miscible flooded."

Miscible flooding tends to work better in vertical reefs where the fluids are segregated, which should put the horizontal, stratified Pembina Cardium field low on the priority list for future tertiary recovery applications.

Mobil Oil operates three major production batteries in the Drayton Valley area, one south of Drayton Valley, another south of Violet Grove, and the third just west of Buck Creek.

The company also operates two Pembina gas plants, which remove most of the liquids from natural

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Mobil to expand its district office

Mobil Oil's Drayton Valley office has started a 4,500 square foot expansion which will see renovations to the old building in Poplar Ridge and a new wing built at a total estimated cost of $350,000.

Construction started last week and should be finished by late summer, says district superintendent Roy Anderson.

"To some degree it's an indication of our confidence (in the future) of this area," he adds.

A new wing will be built behind the current building with a corridor to join the two buildings. While the added space, Mobil's district office will have a total of approximately 10,000 square feet.

Along with the new wing, the old building will be given a new facade, a brick exterior and new windows.

Currently the building occupies 6,000 square feet and the company has been using trailers and portable offices for the last few years.

The existing building was built in 1959 and Mobil's staff has expanded over the years to 31 employees in Drayton Valley.

Generally the company's staff has remained at the same level over the last few years, says Mr. Anderson, [redacted] the engineering staff has been increased as the Pembina Cardium field has declined in production. Mr. Anderson, a [redacted] more staff and continuous [redacted]

TERTIARY RECOVERY IS in the experimental stage, says local superintendent for Mobil Oil Canada Roy Anderson. He is confident new technology will be developed in the future to increase oil recovery from declining conventional oilfields in Alberta. But when and where the new technology will be applied depends largely on the netbacks to producing companies and what type of technology is developed.

ESA - the birth of a protest group

By Dale Lunan

In the five months that the Energy Services Association of Alberta has been the major voice of the oil service industry in the province, one can't point to any direct changes to the object of protest—the National Energy Program.

Since its birth, however, the group has grown from a membership of six concerned businessmen in Drayton Valley to the point where it now boasts over 1,000 individuals and more than 400 businesses on its membership rolls.

But that is not the only achievement that executives of the association point to when asked to explain their progress over the past five months.

"I would say that the most important thing we have done is establish our credibility—with both levels of government and with the public—and that is what we have to always work for," says Bud Byram, president of the association since its formation in November of 1980.

No one really knew of the existence of the ESA until Mr. Byram called for a boycott of goods manufactured in central Canada. The boycott was announced in late November, and immediately thrust Mr. Byram and his group into the national limelight.

At the time, he claimed the boycott was necessary to get the attention of eastern Canada focused on the effects of the NEP, and he still says the boycott worked to the fullest advantage of the ESA.

"The only way we could get a turnaround in the federal government's position on energy) was to get the people in central Canada to understand what was happening out here," Mr. Byram says.

"We mentioned boycott to get some attention, and we were serious to that point of getting action from it."

The ESA certainly did get action from the announced boycott. In early December, they were approached by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association (CMA) and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and requested to meet with the two eastern business groups.

A meeting was held on December 22 in Toronto, and as a result of the talks, the planned boycott was called off.

"We got what we were after—the ear of the manufacturers, and they agreed to co-operate and put some pressure on the feds to change the energy policy," Mr. Byram notes.

Also as a result of the meeting in Toronto, the Energy Services Association established a 'pipeline' of east-west communication, a channel to talk that previously had not existed on a

This opening of communication was important to the ESA, since it was one of the reasons why the boycott was threatened.

"We had to get an opening, and we had to use the boycott to get that opening; once the channels were there, we didn't need the boycott any longer, and it was called off," says Dave Ponte, another member of the Association executive.

Credibility

In addition, the talks with the CMA served to give

Dave Ponte

credence to the association's grievances—these weren't "lowly roughnecks" complaining because they weren't getting paid enough. They were intelligent business men concerned about the effects of the NEP, not only in Alberta, but throughout Canada.

"At that point, I think that we established that we were honorable businessmen and that we needed to work with other honorable businessmen to bring about some kind of change in the federal government's policies," Mr. Byram observes.

And not only did the Alberta industry gain from the talks in Toronto—Mr. Byram also believes that the member firms of the CMA, "the largest, most powerful group of businesses in Canada," also gained from the meetings.

Nobody the ESA came along Mr. Byram says, the eastern manufacturers didn't have the means to make Prime Minister Trudeau look up on the NEP.

"But after we met with them, they were able to bring pressure to bear on the feds by making the information that we gave them known to other people in their factories, in their plants and on the street," he says.

"Now we have them (the CMA) on our side, and the CMA is pushing for settlement of the oil wars; for a settlement of the price of our oil at 85 per cent of world prices; for the continued involvement of private industry in the oil patch."

Since it had the manufacturers on its side, the ESA set about gathering proof of the effects of the NEP on the industry in Alberta.

THE ESA WENT public for the first time in early December, and more than 100 people turned out to a public hearing to listen to the group's plans for fighting the national energy program. Since that meeting, the association has gathered support from all sectors of the service industry, and now boasts a membership of more than 1,000 individuals.

Beginning in late February, the association distributed surveys to over 400 businesses in Drayton Valley and surrounding areas. The questionnaires asked the businesses to assess the impact of the NEP and the federal budget had affected them.

The results weren't encouraging.

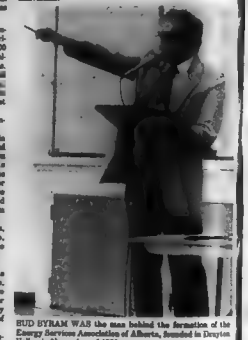
By the second week in March, the association had received 113 replies from the survey. The results showed that the companies had laid off more than 10 per cent of their employees since the October 28 budget and national energy program were announced.

A total of 113 businesses, employing 1,214 people, have laid off 143 people recently.

More Lay-offs

And if the NEP is allowed to run its course, those 113 businessmen are estimating that the number of lay-offs will increase by another 298 at the end of 1981.

Additionally, the companies surveyed experienced a reduction of over 20,000 man hours per month, and have experienced a reduction in gross income of over $2.5 million.



BUD BYRAM WAS the man behind the formation of the Energy Services Association of Alberta, founded in Drayton Valley in November of 1980.

All this information, and similar information from surveys conducted in Red Deer and Whitecourt, has been sent to the federal and provincial governments, in the hopes that someone will take the time to read the facts and see what the

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ESA battles NEP

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current wars between Ottawa and Alberta are doing to the economy of the country.

"We've sent them to every MLA in the province, every member of Lougheed's cabinet and every federal cabinet minister, and now we're putting the screws down for a reply," Mr. Byram says.

Mr. Ponte believes that the sheer accuracy of the facts will carry the weight of the association's arguments.

"We put a lot of effort into submitting accurate data and we are trying to be very systematic in putting together our arguments," Mr. Ponte says.

And what happens if the federal government doesn't listen to the ESA?

If that happens, and if Premier Lougheed backs down in his stance towards Ottawa, Mr. Byram sees no result other than destruction of the industry, at least as he knows it.

"We have total support for the provincial stand, and if Lougheed gives in to Trudeau's demands, it will result in the federal government making a move to destroy older conventional oilfields, like the Pembina field," he says.

As for the future activities of the ESA, Mr. Byram and Mr. Ponte are looking no further than a resolution of the current industry problems, but will continue to travel the province, delivering the ESA's message and gathering more information on the effects of the NEP.

They don't know yet how they will operate when and if the war is settled, but Mr. Byram does have a few ideas on what the ESA could do, if pressed far enough.

"I am sure we will continue as the voice of the service industry once this problem is settled, because the service industry is a vital component in the continued operation of the oilfields in Alberta," he says.

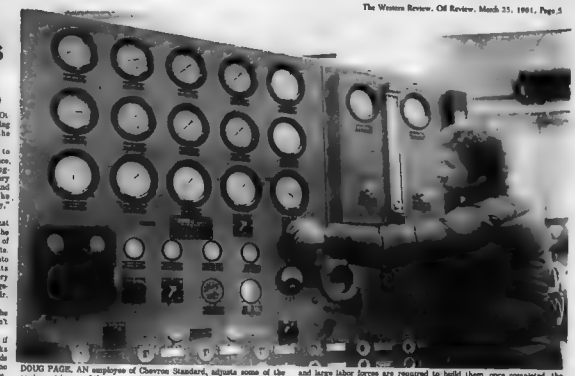
"If we were a militant group we could take action now that would make the March 1 cutback (by the provincial government) pale in comparison."

Although he won't commit himself to the possibility, Mr. Byram hints that the ESA could, with its present strength and stature, shut down the oil industry in the province.

A frightening thought, perhaps, but one that has no doubt crossed the minds of politicians east and west, and a further indication of how far the ESA has gone since those quiet beginnings just five months ago.

Petrochemicals

Three petrochemical projects have been proposed in Alberta: a $250 million polyethylene facility near Red Deer by Novu and Hoechst Canada; a $590 million world-scale ethylene plant at Joffre, by Alberta Gas Ethylene, a Nova subsidiary; and a $390 million polyethylene plant near Edmonton, by Alberta Energy Company and "Du Pont Canada."



DOUG PAGE, AN employee of Chevron Standard, adjusts some of the equipment in one of the company's gas processing plants west of Cynthia. Though millions of dollars worth of equipment are involved in the plants and large labor forces are required to build them, once completed, the highly-mechanized plants operate with a small man-power force, mainly for supervision.

Photo by Rob Chetland

Mobil Oil active in Pembina field

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gas. The liquids are then sent for further separation to Amoco's Buck Creek Fractionation Plant.

In 1980-81 Mobil's first area central treating station were built. This meant eliminating 84 small batteries with all production going to two large batteries. The result was better gas conservation, more accurate fluid measurement and easier operating

In 1983, one of the most modern and sophisticated oilfield systems (at the time) was built in Mobil Oil's Drayton Valley operations. An automatic supervisory control and data gathering system was installed so all well test information, production data and alarm conditions could be transmitted to the central office.

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Amoco Canada superintendent

Future looks good if long-term settlement

By Rick Chetland

The future of Drayton Valley, from an oilman's perspective, "looks good" if a long term pricing schedule can be settled by the provincial and federal governments, says the district superintendent of Amoco Canada Petroleum Company.

The oil industry would be very glad this week if the Alberta government announced a long-term pricing plan, a "reasonable" plan, says Fred Holan of Amoco.

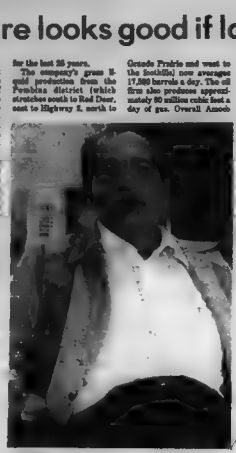
Asked if enhanced recovery methods such as miscible flooding would greatly expand oil activity in the area, Mr. Holan said these methods are "feasible" but cost a great deal and economics would be the determining factor whether or not they are applied to local oilfields.

Amoco, he added, tried a miscible flood project in the 1960s which "wasn't as successful as we would have liked" mainly because of formation differences between Cardium conglomerates and Cardium sandstone.

Amoco also has a miscible flood operation in one of its D-3 pools northwest of Drayton Valley in the Stoney field.

Mr. Holan has been the superintendent of Amoco's Pembina district office for the last eight years, while Amoco itself has been active in the Drayton Valley area for the last 25 years.

The company's gross liquid production from the Pembina district (which stretches south to Red Deer, east to Highway 2, north to Grande Prairie and west to the foothills) now averages 17,260 barrels a day. The oil firm also produces approximately 90 million cubic feet a day of gas. Overall Amoco operates 1,200 wells in the Pembina district.



FRED HOLAN HAS been district manager for Amoco for the last eight years. Amoco operates 1,200 wells in the Pembina district and according to Mr. Holan, the firm will be busy for many years to come in the area if a long-term price with reasonable setbacks to the producers can be settled between Ottawa and Alberta.

The plant, which is supplied by Amoco wells and wells of other companies, has not undertaken any major construction projects in the last year, but has built two small gas plants north of Fox Creek and is currently building another one south of Niton in the Grande field.

In the Pembina district, Amoco currently has only one drilling rig (south of Grande Prairie) but after the spring break-up, says Mr. Holan, "we would average something like three drilling rigs operating for most of the summer."

In the Drayton Valley area, Amoco operates three small gas plants plus five Pembaka solution gas processing stations.

New Offim?

Last November, Amoco indicated it might build its planned new district office in town, after the Alberta Planning Board ruled that an area structure plan was required on another planned location in the County of Portland.

The new 2,500 square foot office was planned for a site 1.5 kilometres from the town but because the site is within a half mile of a major highway, an area structure plan was required.

Amoco hasn't changed its plans for a new district office, but Mr. Holan said it is "not overburdened" with space and will continue to operate from its present location in the near future.

"We're still considering our options," says Mr. Holan, "but we haven't made a decision on what we are going to do."

The company was ready to build the new office last fall and had even awarded a contract for construction before the Planning Board decision.

The existing Amoco building in town is at least 25 years old and more space is needed, said Mr. Holan.

In the last eight years, Amoco's staff in Drayton Valley has increased from 135 to 210 because of the company's expanded operations.

At the end of 1979, Amoco Canada was the second largest natural gas producer in Canada and the ninth largest oil producer in the country.

In response to the national energy policy, Amoco announced in January it would cut 1981 expenditures on exploration and development in Canada by 56 per cent from 1980.

Plans are to spend $220 million on exploration and production in 1981. Cash flow, said the company, will be reduced 35 per cent by the national energy program.

BP in Pembina

BP Canada operates 103 wells, including water injection and oil wells in the Drayton Valley area.

The majority of wells are in the Pembina Cardium field near Carnwood, although some are in the Baily River zone.

The wells produce 3,500 barrels of oil per day.

BP Canada is preparing a site for an additional well in the Niton zone, says BP production foreman Mike Budenz.

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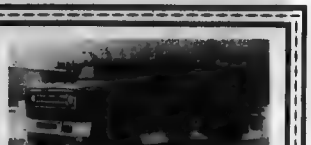

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Safety firms fight poison gas

By Dale Lucas

The immediate image that comes to mind when one thinks of oil well safety companies is the picture of Red Adair, world-renowned Texas oilfield fire fighter, risking his life putting out fierce fires from blown wells.

While that may be a valid conception in rare circumstances, the majority of oilfield safety specialists spend more of their time sitting around an office, a lease or in their trucks, than they do playing with a blazing inferno.

David Rourke, 23, is station manager of the Drayton Valley office of D and D Safety, a company primarily involved in educating and protecting oil well workers from the dangers of hydrogen sulphide gas (H2S), more commonly known as "sour gas."

His company doesn't get involved too much in the fighting of wild well fires, except when there is an imminent danger of sour gas spewing from the wellhead once the fire is extinguished.

"I spend a lot of time sitting around a lease that the drilling company feels might produce some gas—educating the rig hands on the effects of the gas, and rescuing them if they happen to be overcome," Mr. Rourke says.

The tools of his trade aren't bulldozers, heat shields and fire suits, but rather air trailers and self-contained breathing equipment.

While education and public relations take up the majority of his time at a job site, Mr. Rourke says the toughest part of the job is instructing the rig hands in the proper methods of dealing with sour gas, both before and after exposure.

He says it is often very difficult to get the rig workers to respect the hazards of the gas, and it is usually the hands that have been in the business for a while that ignore the dangers.

"A lot of the times, it's the guys that have been around rigs, and sour gas, for a number of years that give us the most trouble—they think that because they have been exposed to small amounts for a number of years, they are immune to the effects, and they never pay attention to the lectures," he says.

It is the stupid accidents which bother Mr. Rourke the most, the ones that could have been avoided by using a little common sense. Often the senior hands on a rig who are supposed to set examples for younger workers to follow, are the most careless when it comes to handling sour gas.

"I was at a lease one time and the engineer, who was drunk at the time, pitched up a few check hose and started to wave it under his nose, to see if any gas was coming out," he relates.

Fortunately for the engineer, the valve was closed, and there was no gas, but if there had been, the consequences would have been serious.

Should Know

"This is a guy who has been working around sour gas for a number of years; he is supposed to know better and he's supposed to set an example for the younger rig workers to follow.

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Other accidents which could be avoided by using common sense are those that occur when a rig hand is overcome and another rushes into the area to help him, without taking the time to put on a breathing tank, Mr. Rourke notes.

"When that happens, you have two guys out, and it's twice as hard to do the job."

The greatest danger of sour gas exposure presents itself not when you can smell it, but when you can no longer detect the distinctive "rotten egg" odor.

Because H2S deadens the nerves, at very low concentrations, remaining in a danger area when you can't smell anything is the worst thing to do, Mr. Rourke cautions.

The minute the gas deadens your nose, when you can't smell it anymore, that's the time to get the hell out of the area—you have no idea what the concentrations are, and it only takes one good whiff to put you out."

The gas is first detectable at concentrations of one part per million (ppm), and at a concentration of 100 ppm, the nerves in the nose are dead within three to 15 minutes.

However, it is imperative that artificial breathing equipment be worn before the concentration gets to 100 ppm, and ideally, breathing gear be used when the concentration reaches 10 ppm.

Threshold

That is the Threshold Limit Value, and at concentrations up to 10 ppm, a worker can remain exposed to the gas for up to eight hours per day. After that period of time, however, breathing gear should be used.

At concentration above 100 ppm, the symptoms of sour gas exposure become readily apparent.

At 200 ppm, the sense of smell is lost rapidly, and at 500 ppm, the gas attacks the central nervous system, causing loss of balance and reasoning. Breathing will stop within 15 minutes, and the victim will require immediate artificial respiration.

At concentrations of 700 ppm, the victim is rendered unconscious very quickly, breathing will stop, and death may follow, unless rescue is immediate.

At levels of 1,000 ppm, unconsciousness is immediate, and death or permanent brain damage will usually result.

Although the TLV level of 10 ppm is acceptable, constant exposure to the gas at this concentration does its fair share of damage.

"I work in the gas at the TLV quite a bit, and even at that level, it is eating away at my lungs," Mr. Rourke notes.

He says the average job expectancy for anyone working on a regular basis with sour gas is about five years: "after that, you just won't be able to breathe when you're working."

Although he got into the safety company business only 1½ years ago, "because I was getting hurt too much on the rigs," Mr. Rourke has seen enough serious mishaps and "near misses" to last him a lifetime.

Despite the constant risk to which men in Mr. Rourke's occupation are exposed, the job does not seem to fit the Red Adair description, but neither does the day-to-day life of a wild well firefighter.

[illegible] manager of the Drayton Valley office of Safety Boss Ltd., a safety company specializing in controlling and extinguishing oil and gas fires.

But, like Mr. Rourke, he doesn't go and his time in the midst of fire emergencies, but rather hides his time in the office.

AS SAFETY CONSULTANT with D and D Safety Ltd., David Rourke spends most of his time in the office on the phone, talking with drilling companies and offering advice on dealing with sour gas.

THE BREATHING APPARATUS [illegible] is essential in the safety of men working with hydrogen sulphide gas takes about one minute to put on and provides up to 30 minutes of air.

Although Safety Boss is involved in fire fighting, most of the work is on an emergency or "on-call" basis, and Mr. Miller spends his days waiting for the phone to ring.

"I would say that 98 per cent of the business is in the fire fighting end, but the majority of the work is standby," he says.

And when the fire calls do come in, not too many of them are the blow-out variety.

The fires range from small truck fires to well blow-outs, but by and large, pit and tank fires take up most of the work load.

The smaller fires are easily handled with either one of the station's two fire trucks, but for large blowout fires, the company's "Blow-Out Prevention" rig is brought in.

Weighing 13,000 pounds, the truck is specially outfitted to carry everything required for fighting wild well fires, including heat shields, air supply, tools, extinguishers and fire suits.

"If you took that truck to any kind of blow-out fires, you would find everything you could possibly need to fight the fire," Mr Miller says. "It's kind of nice to know that you have the equipment to deal with just about anything."

The truck is permanently stationed at the company's head office in Red Deer, but it is available for any location in western Canada.

As one of western Canada's largest oil well firefighting outfits, Safety Boss has been involved in fires and blow-outs in all three western provinces, as well as the Northwest Territories.

As such, its employees are expected to respond to emergencies in far flung corners of the region, and Mr. Miller says he has worked on jobs throughout western Canada.

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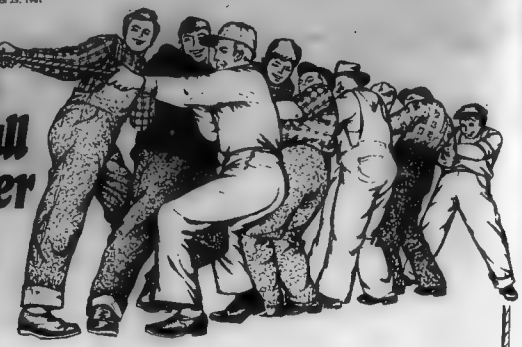

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The Petroleum Industry Training Service in Edmonton was started in 1949 by the oil industry to provide training programs for workers.

Since then the organization has expanded from four to eight courses and offers a wide range of courses for people working in all operations where there is enough

[illegible] Evans, manager of planning and administration for the eight years he has been with the organization, the demand for courses has increased [illegible] during the 1979-80 year (ending May 31) the centre sponsored 20,548 man days of instruction, a 20 [illegible] increase over the previous year. For 1980-81 [illegible] the total man-days of instruction

its budget for this year is approximately $1.8 million and though Mr. Evans says there may be a decline in drilling-related courses offered because of the impact of the National Energy Program, there will still be a heavy demand for production-related courses as things like workovers, completions or gas plant operations.

"There may be a decline in numbers of people attending the courses, but training will still be required," he says.

The Training Service offers such courses as basic training for oil and gas plant operators, blow-out prevention, on-the-job training, supervisor training, or well-servicing programs.

"We offer courses wherever and whenever there is an expressed need," says Mr. Evans, though many of the courses are given in Edmonton or Calgary.

A few dry courses on well servicing and blow-out prevention was held in Drayton Valley from February 9 to 13. The firm also has a facility north of Devon where a [illegible] is scheduled for early next summer.

To teach the courses, the training company hires experts from private industry, or contracts an individual knowledgeable in a specific subject to teach a series of courses, or approaches one of the major education institutes to hire one of their teachers.

The courses range from one day to four weeks. The training service advertises possible courses and when demand from the industry is sufficient, the courses is offered. The companies themselves identify the need and choose employees who will attend the courses.

Certificates are issued for those who take the courses and pass the examinations.

Last year the training service sponsored about 70 courses in 200 different locations, mostly in Alberta with some in northeastern British Columbia.

The operation is self-funded, without government support, through fees charged for the courses. The operation is currently located in a former separate school in Edmonton at 10440-[illegible] Avenue, but is shortly to move to [illegible] Oil Sands Office in Calgary this year.

Budgets are cut by 35 per cent

The 1981 exploration budgets of 16 major Canadian oil and gas companies have been cut by an average 35 per cent, or $1.7 billion, according to a Greenshields Inc. survey.

Examples are Mobil Oil Canada, which reported a 46 per cent reduction of $104 million and Imperial Oil, a four-year, 22 per cent decrease representing $2.5 billion.

Canadian-owned oil and gas companies will cut their capital budgets by 29 per cent this year, said the Independent Petroleum Association of Canada (IPAC), rising to 41 per cent by 1984.

These companies will increase their foreign spending by 47 per cent this year and the figure will rise to 68 per cent in 1983, it said.

Energy-related investments, which had been counted on to support an economic recovery, is now a source of weakness, "with a $2.5 billion negative fiscal shot" in the first half of 1981, said T.A. Wilson, director of economics at the University of Toronto.

Union faces loss

C.W. Dunnett, Jr., president of Union Oil Company of Canada Limited, told shareholders that, as a result of the new federal budget, the company is facing a reduction of at least two-thirds in net earnings, as well as a cash flow reduction of 80 per cent. The company originally budgeted a planned expenditure of $70 million for 1981.

Major blow-outs were tough to fight

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However, he lists as toughest the two major blow-outs that have occurred in his own back yard—the Amoco blow-out west of Drayton Valley in 1977, and the Smoky Lake blow-out last December.

"Both of these were damn tough—the Amoco one because of the fire and the sour gas, and the Smoky Lake one because of the amount of oil that was spewing out," Mr. Miller says.

Two Trucks

In Drayton Valley, Safety Boss has two fully-equipped fire trucks, each of them carrying "light water" and dry chemicals. As well, one air trailer is stationed in town, and Mr. Miller says the company will be moving back into the sour gas protection field, an area it vacated several years ago.

"The fire control still pays the bills, and probably always will, but we are interested in getting back into air supply and sour gas safety in order to offer a complete safety operation to the oil companies."

Selling the services of the company is a full-time proposition, and extremely important to the success of the organization, Mr. Miller notes.

"There may only be a couple of other safety companies in town, but an oil company is not too hesitant about bringing in outside help (like Red Adair) to fight a fire, and we always have to be selling ourselves."

ONE OF SAFETY Boss's two firefighting trucks, equipped to fight just about any kind of oilfield fire. Each of the two trucks are equipped with dry chemical extinguishing powder and a supply of light water, used to control the spread of fire in trucks and other confined spaces.

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By Dale Lamon

Since the discovery of oil in the Pembina field in 1953-54, the fortunes of Pembina Pipe Line Ltd. have closely paralleled the fortunes of the oil industry in Drayton Valley.

As the only shipper of crude oil in the area, the company is directly affected by cutbacks, slow downs and peaks and valleys in the oil production industry, and for the better part of the last 26 years, the fortunes of both industries have been relatively good.

In 1971, Pembina Pipe Line pushed an average of 27,800 cubic metres (172,975 bbls.) per day through its 750 miles of line, and in 1976, it pumped its one billionth barrel through the system. By February 25 of this year, the total had reached 1.118 billion barrels.

Since then, however, production in the fields around Drayton Valley has declined, and with it has declined the amount of crude oil pumped through the company's system.

But that decline has been far from steady. In 1977, shipments picked up with the discovery of the West Pembina field, and currently, shipments have levelled off to the point where the company is now pumping about 17,000 cubic metres (106,950 bbls.) per day.

That is about 4,000 bbls. per day less than what the shipments would have been without the provincial government's cut back in production, but the company is still enjoying relatively good business.

"We aren't really being affected by the cutback, as far as employment or operations are concerned, because we still have to use the same number of workers and the same amount of equipment whether we ship 100 barrels a day or 90 barrels," says Al Horn, manager of Pembina Pipe Line in Drayton Valley.

He says the company is not affected greatly because the cutback applies only to Crown leases, and the majority of the oil pumped out of fields serviced by Pembina is from freehold leases.

"Because of that, we are not affected as greatly as pipeline companies in Swan Hills or Grande Prairie, where most of the leases are held by the government."

Currently, the company operates 720 miles of gathering lines, originating from 310 batteries in the Pembina, West Pembina, Bigoray, Willesden Green, Carrot Creek and Nikos fields. In addition, the company collects a small amount of sour gas condensate from fields in the Brazeau area.

Main Line

The products from those fields are pumped through the company's gathering system to the main pump station north of Buck Creek, where it is held for shipment to Edmonton along the company's 76-mile main line.

From the pumping station, the crude oil is shipped through Pipeline Alley to refineries in Edmonton, as well as into two other pipelines—Transmountain, for shipment to the west coast, and Interprovincial, for shipment to the east.

"I would say that about one-third of our oil goes to the refineries; the rest of it is put into the other lines, primarily the Interprovincial system," Mr. Horn says.

Before the product even reaches Edmonton, however, it is gathered from any or all of the 310 batteries in the area served by Pembina Pipe Line.

Most of these batteries are electronically operated, and oil is pumped into the pipeline whenever the particular oil company's tank is full.

"We take custody of the oil as soon as it leaves the storage tank at the battery, and it is metered as it leaves the tank," Mr. Horn explains.

The meter tells Pembina Pipe Line how much product is passing through the pipeline from any given battery, and the oil company is charged on a per cubic metre basis.

The tariff charge on the oil depends on where it originates, but a typical tariff is the one charged for crude from the Pembina field.

Tariffs

Pembina Pipe Line takes charge of the oil at the battery, and from there, a tariff of $1.27 per cubic metre is charged for gathering the oil. An additional tariff of 56 cents per cubic metre is charged for oil transported through the main line to Edmonton, for a total charge of $1.86 per cubic metre—battery to refiner.

"The tariffs range from field to field, but that is as typical a tariff as you will find," Mr. Horn notes.

In most cases, the pipeline company will deal directly with the oil companies, but Crown lease oil is controlled by the Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission.

"In those cases, the commission buys the product from the producer (at the wellhead) and pays us the tariff while the oil is in our pipeline system," Mr. Horn explains.

The APMC will then sell the crude to whichever refiner in Edmonton needs the oil, or else will sell it to certain refiners and put the product into the Interprovincial Pipe Line system.

Although Pembina Pipe Line Ltd. is involved only in the gathering of crude oil in this area, it is also involved in the exploration and production of natural gas in southern Alberta.

The company began in that end of the energy industry in 1964, and while operated separately from the Drayton Valley outfit, it is an important aspect of the company's overall operation.

"We don't have anything to do with that operation, but it is taking a significant part in exploration and development in the province," Mr. Horn notes.

The exploration and production operation also gives the company something to fall back on if the Drayton Valley oil does eventually run out, or if it becomes economically unfeasible to sell reserves.

"We didn't want to put all our eggs in one basket, and while I don't think there'll come a time when it is no longer feasible to produce oil, it gives the company something to fall back on," Mr. Horn adds.

GENERAL MANAGER OF Pembina Pipe Line Ltd. of Drayton Valley, Al Horn is responsible for the supervision of the company's 720 miles of crude oil pipeline in the Drayton Valley area, and also is involved in the operation of the company's main line from Sunk Creek to Edmonton's Pipeline Alley, on the eastern fringes of that city.

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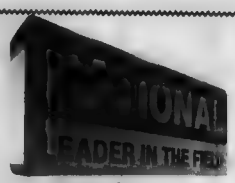

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'Still going on momentum' despite cutback order

Though all of Chevron Standard's local oil pools fall under the government ordered cutback of March 1, the oil company won't cut back its servicing program west of Drayton Valley, says a company official.

The cutback, which requires companies to reduce their oil production to 72.5 per cent of the average during the last three months of 1980, means Chevron's production from its Bigoray, West Pembina and Brazeau pools will be cut back.

"But it won't mean less servicing," says Brian Boyce, superintendent for the Red Deer area. "We're sort of going on momentum."

Nor will the company shut in any wells, since the area of activity in the West Pembina play is generally high-producing, with an average yield of 1,000 barrels a day from each pool.

Chevron produces oil and gas from four pools in the [illegible] field, three pools in the West Pembina play and five pools from the Brazeau field.

Three of the four pools in the Bigoray field are under waterflood and the fourth will likely be waterflooded sometime in 1981, says Mr. Boyce.

Total production in 1980 from the Bigoray pools of Chevron was 340,000 cubic metres of oil and 24,000,000 cubic metres of gas.

Two of Chevron's West Pembina pools will be miscible flooded with gas or a gas solution once re-injection compressors are completed. The third pool will use a cycling system between an oil and a gas pool, in which the gas will be stripped of liquids and re-injected to maintain pool pressure.

Total production in 1980 from Chevron's West Pembina pools was 105,000 cubic metres of oil and 21,000,000 cubic metres of gas.

Brazeau Field

Of Chevron's five pools in the Brazeau field, two are being waterflooded and one is on miscible flood. "The rest we haven't decided on yet, but likely they will also go to enhanced recovery," says Mr. Boyce.

Total production in 1980 from Chevron's Brazeau pools was 263,000 cubic metres of oil and 44,500,000 cubic metres of gas.

Presently the company is not doing any exploration drilling in the Drayton Valley area "but there will be some activity in the summer," says Mr. Boyce. Through the majority of wells in the West Pembina have already been drilled as far as Chevron is concerned.

Also, the company also has two men working on production in the Pembina Cardium field. Chevron has six batteries and roughly 40 wells.

With most of its activity in the area west of Drayton Valley, Chevron has moved [illegible] to enhanced recovery. Mr. Boyce expects Chevron's pools to have a 10 to 30 year lifespan.

Peak production, he says, will likely be reached this fall when most of the enhanced recovery projects are in operation, and production will decline over the years after that.

According to company statistics, 40 per cent of the Nisku D2 oil is in place can be recovered by primary production, 53 to 60 per cent by moving to waterflood, and 60 to 75 per cent through miscible flooding.

Of all the Drayton Valley area pools in which Chevron has an interest, the company estimates a total oil-in-place of 26.6 million cubic metres.

Of this total Chevron estimates [illegible] cubic metres or roughly 60 per cent can be recovered. Recovery rates vary from 35 to 85 per-cent depending on the pool formations and the type of recovery process being used.

In the last three years, since the discovery of the West Pembina oil play, Chevron has invested $50 million in drilling and construction in the area west of Drayton [illegible].

Another $25 million has been spent by the oil firm in land acquisition.

Operating expenses for plant and field work in 1980 were $5 million and are expected to reach $6 million in 1981.

Gas Plants

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Two years ago the Bigoray gas plant was built with a capacity to process 85,000 cubic metres of gas a day. It also produces 20 cubic metre a day of Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG).

A $10 million gas processing plant is under construction in the West Pembina field and should be in full operation by May of this year.

It will have a capacity to process 704,000 cubic metres a day of gas, 800 cubic metres a day of condensate and 200 cubic metres a day of LPG.

The third gas processing plant, which began operation last November, is in the Brazeau field, five miles from the plant under construction, and has a capacity to process 282,000 cubic

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MILLIONS OF DOLLARS have been poured into construction of gas plants west of Drayton Valley in the last few years. The plants process the gas from oil or gas wells, removing the sulphur content which is forced through smokestacks, and separate propanes, pentanes and butanes to be sold to pipeline companies. Chevron Standard has built three gas processing plants in the last two years and Petro Canada is planning to build a $40 million gas plant within the next year.

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The federal government-owned company will submit an application to build a plant with a capacity to process 45 million cubic feet a day of gas to the Energy Resources Conservation Board next month.

Company officials admitted a "ballpark" cost figure for the plant of $40 million but did not want to say exactly how much the plant will cost until contractors have been hired.

Three sites are being considered all near the junction of the Pembina River and Dismal Creek, about 12 miles from the existing Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas plant.

Gas and associated condensate from seven wells will be channeled into the gas plant once built. The plant will extract the sulphur content. It will also recover condensate and LPG (gold Petroleum Gas.

Approximately 53 cubic metres a day of LPG will be recovered and 1,325 cubic metres a day of condensate.

While the initial production is expected to be 45 million cubic feet a day of sweetened gas, that figure could double within a few years, says Gary Leitch, a social impact manager with the firm.

Gary Leitch, manager of Social Impact Assessment with Petro Canada

The pleased project must be seen as a pilot project, he says, and indication of a large reserve any need to plant expansion by tying more gas wells to the plant.

The sweetened gas will be re-injected into condensate and oil pools to maintain pressure in the pools and maximize recovery. Currently Petro Canada is buying processed gas from Nova to inject into its pools.

The LPG will likely be sold to Amoco, which is a partner in the plant, while the condensate will be shipped through Pembina Pipe Line.

Sulphur extracted from the gas will be temporarily stored as liquid then trucked to market in Edmonton. About 10 loads a day, says Mr. Leitch, representing 225 to 250 tonnes, will be trucked, with the most likely route along Wolf Lake road to Highway 16 then east to Edmonton.

Of the seven gas wells which will be connected to the gas plant initially, the average sulphur content is 15 per cent, with two of the wells having only .5 per cent sulphur content. Most of the sulphur (97.7 per cent) will be extracted and the rest (a maximum of four tonnes a day) will be emitted through a high smokestack.

The environmental impact study, which examines potential impact on soils, forestry, fisheries and wildlife, will be completed within a few weeks and submitted to Alberta Environment.

Contingency plans have also been prepared for possible pipeline breaks and H2S emissions.

About 20 people will be employed full-time, 24 hours day, once the plant is built, and the company's social impact study concludes Drayton Valley and area will have no trouble absorbing the increased population.

Mr. Leitch told town council, if all the employees come from outside the town (and not from the ranks of unemployed town residents), the added population would be 75 to 100 people.

Though contractors have not been hired yet to build the plant, likely unionized workers would be employed which will make it harder for local citizens to gain employment.

However, Mr. Leitch told council, there should be work for local people when it comes to building the pipeline network connecting the wells to the gas plant and the gas plant to the existing battery built by Petro Canada two years ago.

During peak construction time, if ERCB approval is given to build the plant, a maximum of 275 people would be employed. They would live in a campsite near the construction project.

Petro Canada operates about 125 wells in the oil zone west of town. Average production from the wells in the West Pembina area is 6 to 10,000 barrels a day.

Public hearings on the plant will likely be held in Drayton Valley and if the plant is built, says Mr Leitch, a small office for Petro Canada may be built in town in the future.

Mr. Leitch expects if all goes well that construction will start some time this summer. The plant would be completed 14 months later.

Anyone with questions or concerns about the proposed plant is asked to contact Mr. Leitch in Calgary by phoning 232-5676.

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Drilling dropped

Canadian Petroleum Company has cancelled a planned program to drill three wells in the Cyn-Pem area because of the National Energy Program, says a company official.

Moreover exploration activity in Alberta and B.C. is down a full 50 per cent, says local supervisor Ken Brlls, because of the NEP.

Champlin operates 40 wells in the Drayton Valley area, most of them situated in the Cyn-Pem and Pembina Cardium fields.

Due to the provincial cutback ordered on March 1, production is down 20 per cent from pre-cutback levels.

However, says Mr. Brlls, Lin [illegible] company has not yet cut back on repairs to lower-yielding wells nor shut in any wells.

The company, which is not very active in Canada compared to the United States (where it has 2,000 employees), is considering forming a Canadian corporation for tax purposes and to possibly qualify for federal incentives under the NEP, says Mr. Brlls.

The company's wells from the Cynthia area were producing approximately 1,200 barrels r day before the cutback was ordered.

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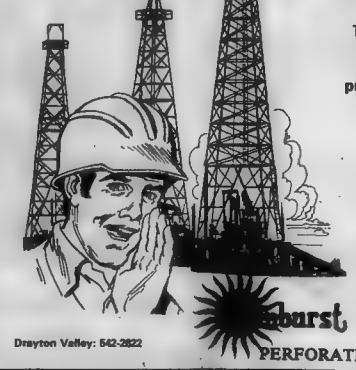

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Petroleum Training Centre may join local consortium

The Petroleum Industry Training Centre, sponsored by the Advanced Education and Manpower department, is one of six post-secondary institutes which have been asked to form a consortium to bring courses to Drayton Valley.

With a successful hiring rate of its graduates (95 per cent of the students since last April have been hired by the oil industry), the three-week drilling course offered by the Centre may be a popular choice for high school graduates looking for employment.

The Centre, located at 10320 - 71 Ave. in Edmonton, offers one basic course to people who are interested, but know little, about the oil industry.

It is for pre-employment training only, while the Petroleum Industry Training Service (PITS) provides training to upgrade skills of people already employed in the industry.

The Training Centre was set up in 1966, says Jerry Frankovitch, supervisor, as a separate school under the department of Advanced Education.

To take the three-week course, which costs $154, students must have a high school diploma, be a minimum age of 18, and must have a full medical check-up, including an eye test and a hearing test performed by a certified audiologist.

Students are given an orientation program and an interview, before they are accepted into the Centre, to help courses to Drayton Valley.

"We're after people who have a commitment," says Mr. Frankovitch.

The course, which introduces students to exploration drilling, includes an introduction to drilling, the names of parts and machinery they will be handling and what a rig is composed of.

The students are also given a hydrogen sulphide (H2S) alert course to detect and be aware of the danger of poisonous gas.

During the second week they are given a St. John's first aid course geared to the oil industry, a shop period in which equipment is dismantled and put together again, lectures on care and maintenance of equipments, and how to use throwing chains and tongs.

The third week, the longest portion of the course, involves actual work at a drilling rig owned by the centre and located in Edmonton.

If the Training Centre joins the Drayton Valley consortium, says Mr. Frank ovitch, two weeks of the course could be offered in Drayton Valley, but the rig portion would have to be held in Edmonton.

The Training Centre takes in about 12 students a week and about 480 students graduate each year.

The majority (80 per cent) of students come from smaller towns with a population of 5,000 or less, says Mr. Frankovitch, though not all are from oil and gas towns.

A full 50 per cent of the students come from provinces in Canada other than Alberta, though priority is given to Albertans.

The average age of the students is 22, but says the supervisor, office people and even oil company executives have taken the course to familiarize themselves with the drilling operation.

Mr. Frankovitch notes also that service companies generally prefer to hire "roughnecks" who have had some training and at least six months field experience.

The course is usually given to 20 to 25 students at a time, but the course could be offered in Drayton Valley, if the Training Centre joins the consortium, if 12 students are interested.

Mr. Frankovitch says the oil industry generally seems happy with the work performance of graduates from the Centre.

DESPITE ALL THE media publicity about drilling rigs heading south, there were fewer rigs in Canada in January of 1981 than January, 1981. However, industry spokesmen say the number of active rigs this year is probably 20 per cent less than there would have been if the national energy program had not been implemented. Moreover the industry says oil and gas drilling capacity would have declined 60 per cent from 1980 levels by May, 1981.

No more than name change

Canadian Petroleum Association (CPA) chairman Jack MacLeod made some thought provoking points in connection with the recent Petro-Canada takeover of Petrofina Canada Inc.

Although he declined to comment on the specifics of the negotiations, he discussed the principles of public takeover of private industry.

"I question whether this is the most sensible allocation of capital, at a time when large amounts of capital are required to find and develop domestic oil supplies," Mr MacLeod said.

He suggested that the money will leave Canada without accomplishing anything other than changing the names of the players in the game.

Mr. MacLeod also questioned the real value of such an acquisition for the Canadian consumer who will pay for it through additional taxes on gasoline and heating fuels.

Petro-Canada acquisitions to date include: Atlantic Richfield Canada Ltd., Pacific Petroleums Ltd.; Merit Oil Company and Petrofina Canada.

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CanDel drilling in Pembina

A $34 million oil and gas exploration program announced two weeks ago by CanDel Oil Company of Calgary has yielded results in the Pembina field, as the first well completed there is producing approximately 180 barrels per day.

Production testing is still being carried out on the well, says a CanDel spokesman.

Garry Berreth, drilling superintendent for the oil company, says the well, located in township 48, range 6, west of the fifth meridien (near Buck Lake) is the first of 20 planned for the Pembina portion of the exploration program.

Two other wells are currently being drilled by Precision Drilling of Calgary in the Pembina house, with one of the wells in the process of being completed and the other waiting on completion.

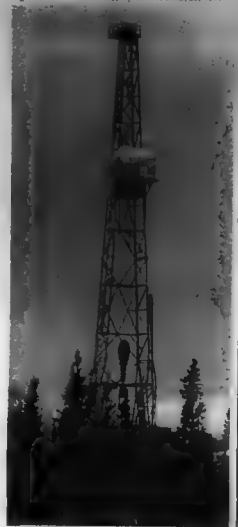
Mr. Berreth says the wells, which will all be drilled in the same area near Buck Lake, are development wells, and the company is fairly sure of finding oil in the project.

"We have producing wells to the north and the south of our leases there, and we are fairly certain the oil is there," he says.

Once the road bans are lifted, he says the company will proceed with the drilling of two, and perhaps three, more wells within the next few months.

"Whether or not we go ahead with the remaining wells in the Pembina area depends on how we do with the initial six," he says.

CanDel is also carrying out exploration drilling in the Oyen, Springburn, Athabasca River and Grande Prairie leases as part of the province-wide project.



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Oil industry association criticizes energy program

In discussing the impact of the National Energy Program, the Canadian Petroleum Association (CPA) believes that all present and future oil supply sources will be significantly and negatively affected by the NEP if it remains unchanged.

Specifically, the CPA asserts that the following will result from the NEP:

- Reduce productive capacity from established oil reserves in the conventional areas by 24 per cent in 1985 or 314,000 barrels per day, and 19 per cent in 1990 or 94,000 barrels per day.
- Reduce discovery and development of new oil reserves in the conventional areas by 23 per cent or 85,000 barrels per day in 1985, and 44,000 by 1990.
- Reduce productive capacity of tertiary oil projects by 80 per cent or 25,000 barrels per day by 1985, and by 25 per cent or 21,000 barrels per day in 1990.
- Reduce oil sands production by 1990 by 60 per cent or 320,000 barrels per day.
- Reduce the frontier estimates of production from 85,000 barrels per day in 1985 and 500,000 barrels per day in 1990 to zero in both cases.
- Increase cost to Canadians of $132 billion for additional foreign oil imports for the 10-year period.
- Reduce investment by the oil and gas industry by 16 per cent in 1981 compared to 1980 and by at least 26 per cent from that previously planned for 1981.
- Reduce [redacted] cash flow by 25 per cent to 40 per cent and limit the ability to reinvest proportionally.
- Reduce the economics of many projects, particularly in the tertiary recovery and oil sands area.
- Cause over 120 drilling rigs owned predominantly by independent Canadian investors to leave Canada by April 30 because of reduced work demands.
- Reduce international and Canadian investor confidence.
- Cause a substantial drain of experienced persons [redacted].

The [redacted] also said that the NEP demand forecast is based upon assumptions which could only be realized if the federal government imposed rationing or if there was a significant economic slowdown.

The CPA said in verbal testimony that, while it agrees with the stated goals of the NEP of security of oil supply, increased Canadian ownership of the industry and fair and equitable sharing of energy prices and revenues, the methods the program uses to attain these goals will instead defeat and [redacted] all of these goals.

The CPA said that the NEP is a complex program and the various elements interact, sometimes in a compounding fashion, with other aspects of the program and with present federal and provincial policies and fiscal regimes.

The Association recommends that, while it fails to both levels of government, federal and provincial, to attain the final and compromising solutions necessary to create a healthy climate, they should consider these principles and steps in the very near future.

Esso closes 5 area wells

By Jayne Creighton

Esso Resources Canada has shut down five low-yielding wells in the Drayton Valley area since the national energy program was announced last October, says Esso supervisor Gary Wagner.

Most of Esso's 116 area wells are in the Pembina Cardium field, east of town. The wells produce an average of 700 metres of oil per day.

Since the NEP was announced, Mr. Wagner says his company has been evaluating much more closely the wells which need repair. Five company wells have been shut down so far because they were uneconomical to repair.

Mr. Wagner says no major projects are planned for the Drayton Valley area in the near future, although in a few years time, one or two more wells might be drilled.

Esso employs 15 people full-time and one part-time person in Drayton Valley. A new district office was built in town last year, at a cost of $439,000.

Cash flow, said Esso earlier this year, has been reduced by $100 million by the NEP. The company also said it intends to reduce exploration in western Canada by one-third this year but will not reduce frontier exploration.

A major tertiary recovery project at Judy Creek [redacted].

IT'S HARD AND dirty work on the rigs, particularly on the derrick floor. This oilfield worker is busy working on a rig owned by Bagnet Drilling Ltd. of Edmonton, which is drilling for Chevron Standard. The rig is situated on a site west of Tomahawk.

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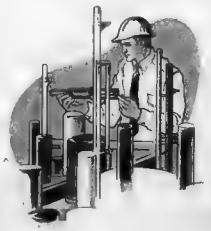

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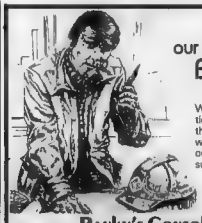

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Chamber head lambastes NEP

The following address was given by Stan Roberts, president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, on January 23 to a seminar organized by the Quebec provincial chamber. The excerpts taken from his speech concern the federal government's national energy program.

The problem with the budget and the energy package is two-sided. On the one hand, they took the wind out of the sails of the people who explore and develop the resources and, in the process, convinced the west once and for all that Ottawa neither understands nor cares.

On the other hand, the cabinet chose to try to balance its books not by cutting back federal spending but by attempting to increase federal revenues.

Let's look specifically at the energy package which is getting mixed reviews these days—i.e. the minister of Energy likes it, no one else does.

The energy program is, in theory, designed to achieve three goals:

- Security of oil supply.
- Increasing Canadianization of the oil and gas industry.
- Appropriate sharing of oil and gas revenues, between producer, federal governments and provincial governments.

So far, so good. However, something serious happened between the time the objectives were written and the time the details were put behind them—because they just don't go together. One negates the other.

First of all, in order to increase that security, to increase the Canadian content and to have adequate funds to share, the wellhead price will have to increase a lot more and a lot more quickly than the federal government proposes. World price is going up faster than the price paid to Canadian production. As a result, we drift further from reality.

Secondly, the energy program is intended to promote conservation—but experience has shown that relaxing and pricing are the only mechanisms available. Rationing is an administrative nightmare. Conservation (the reduction of consumption) is taking place in Europe, Japan and the U.S., mainly because of rising prices. Yet consumption in Canada continues to rise.

It is generally agreed that the most essential element of the total strategy is oil self-sufficiency or security of oil supply. New industry would come to all parts of Canada, if we were energy self-sufficient; but that appears to have been forgotten in the program. The inadequate price increase schedule and the punitive tax system will combine to actually reduce conventional exploration.

The independent petroleum association (i.e. the Canadian controlled companies) say flatly that exploration will decline by one-third at a time when we badly need aggressive activity in this area.

The story is a remarkably uncomplicated one. The exploration and development companies—and especially the Canadian-owned ones—depend on cash flow. The new pricing and taxation policies have drastically reduced that flow and, consequently, their borrowing capacity and funds for reinvestment.

The Canadian companies in the field will find their cash flow down 22 to 23 per cent because of the tax system contained in the National Energy Program.

I refer repeatedly to the Canadian-owned oil and gas companies because Ottawa has claimed they are the beneficiaries of the new policy.

If anyone other than Marc Lalonde likes it, they should. Yet recently, the principal spokesmen for these companies told an audience in Ottawa that they are actually the greater casualties—that they will be hurt worse than the multi-nationals.

Many of their drilling rigs are idle. Some have fled to the U.S. That's a fact, despite claims to the contrary from sources in Ottawa.

In the longer term, the consequences for all of us in this room are severe ...

(a) All the knowledgeable people I've talked to tell me that, under this scheme, there is no way Canada will become self-sufficient in this century.

(b) It has been predicted that by 1984, Montreal will be completely dependent on expensive imported oil and Toronto will begin to use imports as well.

(c) We here in the east will feel the pinch in terms of reduced demand for our goods and services.

(d) Canada, as a whole, will face a loss of capital and of people, plus an increasing demand for foreign exchange and higher interest rates as a result. There will be a rising deficit as we buy more foreign oil, and even slower economic growth.

We've heard a lot recently about Canadianizing the oil and gas industry, and most of us endorse that goal, understandably including the Canadians who are already working in the industry.

However, even in this area, the NEP fails miserably. Canadianization is a process that has been under way for some time. You may be surprised to learn that, in less than 10 years, the foreign ownership of our oil and gas industry has dropped from 90 to 70 per cent, largely as a result of the former system of federal exploration and tax incentives.

The experts in the business believe that, if it had been left alone, within a decade the ownership would have been 50-50 between Canadians and foreigners.

That trend has, ironically, been placed in jeopardy by the very proposal designed to assist it. The way the NEP has been designed, the grants available to business are restrictive both in their application and benefit. Moreover, the grants are taxable at the federal level.

Beyond these shortcomings, the rules for measuring Canadian ownership are so stringent and so unworkable that only a few companies could qualify for substantial assistance.

The people for whom the program is intended don't like it; they preferred the former tax incentive system. They know the rules, and acted within them, and the rules provided Ottawa with all the power it needed to direct the industry, and for that matter, prevent windfall profits.

Finally, the proposed new grants system is clearly open to abuse. Officials will decide who gets the money, not the taxation system as in the past. And, of course, companies will encounter all the paper work and delays involved in such a system.

Additionally, part of the Canadianization effort provides Petrocan with a favored position with an automatic 25 per cent interest on all federal Crown lands, at no cost whatsoever. That amounts to a retroactive penalty against all companies who have carried out high-risk, high-cost exploration work on those lands.

In summary, we have a policy on our hands that no one appears to like. The large oil companies have no time for it. The Canadian oil and gas industry feels it's being hampered, not helped, and Rowland France last week told his Royal Bank shareholders "it's a non-starter."

If it goes forward, the west doesn't lose alone. The oil industry doesn't lose alone. We all lose. Because

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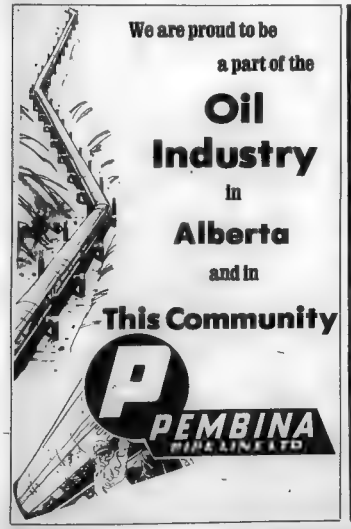

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Imperial denies rip off charges

J.G. Livingstone, president of Imperial Oil Limited, issued the following statement in response to recent news stories on the inquiry into the petroleum industry under the Combines Investigation Act.

"Imperial is certain that, in its own case, it has not broken the law or in any means been involved in collusion with other companies to fix prices.

"In my view, the allegation of a consumer rip-off will not stand up to inquiry held by an impartial body.

"As news reports have indicated, after nearly eight years of investigation, the director of Combines Investigation has decided not to lay any charges in the courts, clearly a strong indication that the oil companies have not broken the law.

"Once we receive the report and have had a chance to examine it, we will have the information to provide a more detailed response.

"We will welcome an inquiry to clear the air and expect that because it will be held by the restrictive trades practices commission, there will be ample opportunity to air conflicting views held by various authorities on what comprises effective competition.

"Imperial has been and continues to be a highly competitive company and the petroleum consumer has been well served by a competitive market.

"This is supported by the extensive inquiry conducted by the 1978 Royal Commission on Petroleum Product Pricing in Ontario.

"This inquiry reached the conclusion that the current interests of consumers with respect to prices of petroleum products are being well served by competition ...

"We expect that by the test of benefit to the consumer, the reported allegation of a consumer rip-off will not be substantiated.

"We suggest that to meet the test of benefit to the consumer, a number of questions need to be asked and answered.

"During the period that the evidence covers:

- "Did the refining/marketing oil industry earn excessive profits?
- "Did the number and nature of competitors grow?
- "Did the range of products and services available to the consumer expand?
- "Did product quality improve?
- "Did prices of petroleum products, exclusive of government taxes, increase more or less rapidly than prices of other consumer products?

"In my view, the answers to these questions will show that there has been strong and effective competition at work in the marketplace."

BEFORE SCALING THE derrick, rig hands are equipped with safety harnesses to prevent a fall from the slippery rungs of the derrick.

Photo by Joyce Creighton

Energy independence is being delayed says CPA

The following are excerpts from an address by CPA chairman Jack MacLeod on January 20 to the Chamber of Commerce, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

"The present posture of the federal and provincial governments towards resolving energy issues, when taken together, is a dismally inadequate response by governments to Canada's urgent petroleum energy problems.

"Consider the fact that there are no negotiations in progress between the federal and Alberta governments toward resolution of the petroleum pricing and revenue-sharing issues over which they are in fundamental disagreement."

One year ago the oil industry looked ahead with some optimism that the 1980s would be a decade of unrivalled challenge during which governments would stimulate an all-out effort to achieve oil self-sufficiency in Canada by the early 1990s, said Mr MacLeod.

"That outlook of optimism has been dulled by the impact of the October budget and National Energy Program and related events."

We now conclude, he added, that unless major revisions are made to the provisions of the federal budget and NEP, and to the position of the producing provinces on petroleum energy issues, the energy independence goal that could be within grasp for Canada will slip to the end of the century or beyond. Meanwhile, the continuing war between two OPEC nations signals the risks of depending on imported crude oil, and the latest OPEC crude oil price increase will further burden our economy.

Chevron Standard

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metres of gas a day. It also produces 45 cubic metres a day of LPG.

Chevron's area office is now located at the West Pembina plant under construction. Once finished it will employ 14 to 18 people full-time.

The company announced earlier this year its cash flow has been reduced by $200 million over the next five years by the national energy program.

It also said marginal well production has been reduced by 25 per cent and that a proposed exploratory drilling program in British Columbia has been cancelled.

There will be no blanket cut in expenditures, he adds, but each project as it comes up will be evaluated in terms of its economic prospects under the new program.

Chamber against NEP

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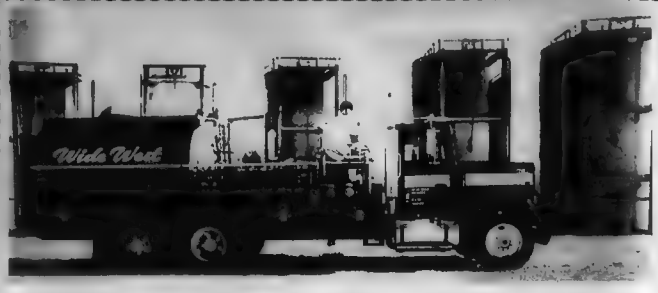

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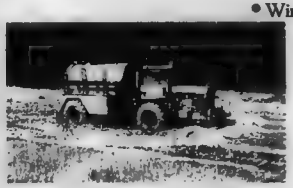

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Drayton Valley

Rough but adventurous life recalled

By Donna Haukedal

For people who came to work in the oilfields near Drayton Valley in the 1950s life was hard and rough, with poor accommodation and long hours battling the mud on the roads.

But life was an adventure and a sense of humor kept things in perspective, as can be seen in some of the following stories told by 'oldtimers' from the oil patch.

The three most common problems were the roads (or lack of them), accommodation and communication with the outside world.

But it wasn't only men who experienced the hardships that go along with this type of rapid development. Many had wives and small children who made the best of living in small, cold shacks or in crowded, muddy camps cut off from family and friends. It wasn't all bad—them adventuresome people had their laughs too

Ralph Sodergren

Roads which were used only by the local people could not stand up under the weight of the heavy loads suddenly passing over them. New roads being built had no bottom when the heavy rains came, and outfits just bogged down in the mud.

Those on the Drayton Valley side of the North Saskatchewan River had one road out to Highway 16. It was not the present Highway 22 north, but another narrow, usually muddy (except when it was frozen) road east of the present highway.

Some of the men worked on both sides of the river which meant depending on the ferry in the summer, and crossing on the ice in the winter. Many company vehicles had to be used on both sides, and at peak hours this meant a very long wait in line.

If the ferry broke down (which it often did) or if it broke away from the cable (which it was also known to do) the only alternative was to drive around through Devon which was a long trip since the road to Devon was not paved then. A basket attached to the ferry cable was used by men who had someone to meet them on the other side of the river.

Imagine the shock it must have been to these small communities with no motels and few eating places, when hundreds of people suddenly began pouring in. It wasn't that easy for the oil workers either who found themselves with no place to sleep, and having to walk in line for something to eat. But only 25 to 27 years ago that was the picture.

Ralph Sodergren, who began working for Mobil Oil in 1954, was one of three at that time

At that time there were no oil pipelines, and the oil was trucked to a pump station at Calmford. Ralph's first job was checking trucks at this station.

Asked about roads he noted "trucks didn't last long. They were traded off at 40,000 miles. The company tried putting graders on them but that didn't last long either."

Living Conditions?

What about living conditions? "That's a good question," said Ralph. When he was required to work in the Calmford and Violet Grove areas he built himself what he called a box on the back of his truck. "It's a wonder I didn't kill myself," he said, because it got so cold at night he used a kerosene stove for heat. It would burn all night, and by morning the oxygen was so low his lantern wouldn't burn properly until he let some fresh air in. "I got to thinking after that, I was lucky I didn't suffocate myself."

Some of the fellows slept in their cars. Shacks were quickly put together, and cots were put in wherever there was a roof. Men working shift would crawl out of a cot and someone else just off work would crawl in.

Many people built shacks as temporary living quarters, because many of the jobs were considered temporary. But it turned out a lot of the temporary people stayed for many years. Some Ralph just retired here.

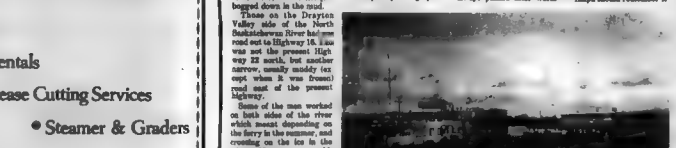
Ralph's family were living on a farm near Evansburg, so when his job settled down in the Violet Grove area he moved a 12' by 14' granary to a spot approximately four miles from Violet Grove.

His wife died in 1956 leaving him alone with the children. He said people were good and helped him all they could, but he still had to leave them alone with the dog to babysit while he worked. It was impossible to get a good housekeeper. "It's something I wouldn't want to experience again," he said.

In 1960 after they had moved to Drayton Valley he remarried. Mae had six children, and together the two families made a home for each other.

In the beginning Violet Grove seemed to be the main centre. There were four grocery stores, and two restaurants, which were overcrowded.

After the hotel in Drayton Valley was built it was always packed after work.



BACK IN THE 1950s, main street Drayton Valley was a used road with a small collection of shops and the new Drayton Valley Hotel, one of the few places oilfield workers could find for relaxation. So many workers poured into the area after the discovery well in 1953 that people slept in cars or on the ground for lack of accommodation. All eating places had long line ups.

There wasn't much else for the single fellows to do in their free time. "It was a wild town," Ralph recalls. At one time they boarded a couple of guys; one worked as a bartender, but quit the job when he got hit on the head with a flying beer

The only elderly people around were a few of the original homesteaders. At age 39 Ralph said he was one of the old folks. "It was a young town. That's why it was so lively."

Ralph said people had to make most of their own entertainment — mostly house parties and company parties. People mixed better in those days, he said, because no one knew anyone that well. Everyone was friendly. As people became better acquainted they have a tendency to stay in groups and not mingle as much.

Despite the ups and downs, Ralph said he enjoyed the adventure. "The oil was the thing that opened this country up."

The first few years the whole countryside was dotted with rigs and at night they "looked like a bunch of big Christmas trees."

Ralph should remember it all with pride. After all he helped put up the discovery well sign.

Discovery Well

Following the way, Jack McLean started farming in the Swan River Valley in Manitoba but in 1952 their land was flooded and no crop could be put in. The Pembina discovery well was on his uncle's farm.

With his fields under water, Jack needed to find a job so he came to Violet Grove with the intention of working for his uncle, who was the only one in the area

SOME ARE STILL working in the oil patch; some have come and gone, their names unremembered and a few have died since this picture was taken around 1955-56 in front of the then-new Mobil Oil district office near Drayton Valley. The Mobil crew in the picture, from left to right: standing - Elmer Lovem, Herb Nutz, Ken Fluecher, Brian Lindgren, unidentified, Ernie Lindskog, unidentified, unidentified, Herman Sommer, Ed Bengten and Gerry Hennessy. Kneeling are – Vernon Campbell, Paul Beauchesne, Wes Harrison, Rene Babva, Dennis Powers, Bill Vandenbush and an oilman whose name is not known.

with caterpillar tractors.

His cousin Jean's husband, Vern Campbell, was working for Mobil Oil and suggested he get a job with them. "Well I didn't know anything about oil. The only bit I'd seen was in a five gallon can," says Jack.

He started with the company March 2, 1954 intending to work a couple of months, and then go back to the farm, but he stayed. Margaret and their young family came out on April 16. "Remembering the narrow gravel road from Highway 16 to Drayton Valley, Jack says it's "hard to imagine now the amount of traffic that was on that road. All the pipe, the tanks, every piece of equipment that was required for the oilfield, in addition to all the rigs and the people who worked on them, plus the influx of people working on the production and. That road had traffic going both ways almost 24 hours a day."

When it was dry it was very dusty, and there were a lot of accidents and quite a few fatalities. Margaret feels one of the reasons for so many accidents was because the nearest beer parlor was in Entwistle at that time.

There were still many in the area using horses for transportation On one occasion a lady with a horse and buggy was hit, killing both the lady and the horse.

About June 1 it started to rain. Margaret remembers it rained for 74 days straight. Trucks had to quit hauling oil and wells were shut down. As a result so were many other jobs. "We were pretty hard up," says Jack. So for a while he got a job putting in a "dead man," or "anchor" for the cable on the ferry which was being put on the river a few miles upstream from where the bridge was built.

Lease roads became a real problem that summer. At one location a truck got stuck and a caterpillar tractor was hitched on to pull it through. The truck was pulled apart, and sat in the mud in two halves.

The McLeans lived in a two room shack which Jack built near Violet Grove. Margaret says it wasn't bad compared to some of the things around. There were even shacks made up of cardboard boxes. Some of the people from the United States brought what seemed then, pretty fancy trailers, and eventually more trailers moved in. Jack thinks the population in and around Violet Grove at that time was probably around 2,000.

A lady by the name of Myrtle Ledley opened up a cafe in Violet Grove that was about 14 by 16 feet. It was open 24 hours a day, and filled 24 hours a day. About five years ago Margaret heard that Mrs. Ledley had been named Woman of the year in Edmonton.

There was one phone in

One Phone

There was one phone in Violet Grove and one line going out. All the oil people had to phone reports to Edmonton or Calgary every day. The phone was tied up all the time.

Twice a week fresh meat was brought into Violet Grove, but you had to be there when it came in to get

To begin with the Mounties were posted at Evansburg. "They were in Violet Grove all the time it seemed," says Margaret. She tells a story (which she doesn't believe to be true) about the RCMP looking for somebody on a rig, and when they got there they discovered they wanted the whole crew!

"It was kind of bad for lawlessness," says Jack. If a person had the misfortune of having car trouble on the road, and had to leave the car, they could forget it. Because in a few hours the tires would be gone.

Jack was walking six miles to work one day and saw a nice Oldsmobile parked on the side of the road. When he went back it was still there only the wheels were gone.

By the next morning the trunk had been pried open and everything taken out. A

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Pioneer times in Pembina recalled

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was gone. Then one day a saskatoon came along and ran over what was left. For the next five years it was a pile of junk along the side of the road.

Jack got off work at 4 p.m. and then went to work operating a caterpillar tractor for his cousin until midnight. While on that job he cleared the first lot in Lodgepole.

Other than visiting about the only entertainment the McLeans knew was the weekly movie in Drayton Valley in the old Elks Hall. There they sat on hard benches with no backs.

Jack McLean

Jack says they seldom went to dances because they had small children. However, Margaret had a story to tell about a fellow at one party. He had had much too much to drink and decided to dance on his knees. She said he danced on his knees all night, and the next day he said to her, "I don't know what I did last night, but boy, my knees are sure sore."

Margaret told of a mysterious death in Drayton Valley in 1956. A lady had rented a shack to a fellow working for Schlumberger. One night she saw the man come home with another couple. She never saw the man anymore, and thought he'd gone away. The weather turned very hot and she noticed a very bad odor coming from his shack. She called the Mounties, and they discovered his badly-beaten body. Apparently the case was never solved.

Jack sometimes tells humorous stories about Drayton's first doctor, Dr. Brooks, who set up a practice in a shed shack in the lot east of the Drayton Hotel.

He says the doctor was a remarkable person, being caveman as well as the only doctor at that time. Many industrial accidents, and so much rain and mud made his work very difficult.

Louie Sauchamp, a local man, went to Dr. Brooks with a toothache. A friend, Elton Malmo, went with him. Dr. Brooks told Elton he would have to hold the other for him, which he did. But when the doctor looked up to say "that's enough," Elton had passed out.

Then there was the time that the doctor stopped for coffee at the cafe in Violet Grove. Coffee cost a dime then. The doctor had two nickels in his hand, but his mind must have been on other things, and he dropped the nickels in his coffee and stirred it. When he had finished his coffee he was surprised to find two nickels in the bottom of his cup. So he sat there on the counter and went to the cashier to pay for his coffee.

Considering the conditions he must have lived under the story is not surprising.

(The old Drayton Valley hall was a busy place, with church services, movies, etc. Then the Elks took it over and improved it. Jack says he hated to see it torn down. It was built by early settlers. "But I guess it had to go.")

When Progress dawned it grew everything began happening at once. The theatre opened, in 1956 television came in, then electricity, water and sewer. Churches were organized, the W.I., Rotary, Elks, Lions, Scouts, Guides, parks and so on. Even time and money for vacations.

"I really wouldn't want to go through it again, but I'm glad that I was here to see it," says Jack.

Jack still loves the farm, and sitting in their lovely home on their farm just west of Drayton he says, "I came here planning on staying two months. Now it's been 27 years, so I guess it's all right. This is home now. I'd hate to have to leave."

Earl Thompson, another pioneer of the oil industry, was transferred to the Buck Creek, Alder Flats area in the fall of 1958. Earl was a field foreman for Seaboard Oil.

On his first trip out he and the fellow with him were able to drive only as far as a creek between Breton and Buck Creek, and from there they walked to Eddy Oberg's, south of Buck Creek.

They had to find a stake for a well which was to be drilled. They borrowed a gas lantern from Obergs because darkness had fallen. After walking another two and a half miles they found the stake, and retraced their steps back to their car. The rig was placed there in December.

They had a 150 well drilling program planned and budgeted for. The early spring of '58 was dry and then the 76-day rain came. They weren't able to do anything. "If you sent one out out, you had to send them more out to find it, or to get it out."

The head people in Texas couldn't understand the delays. So the president, vice-president and four five others came up. They wanted to see the rig and what was causing the delays. It was still pouring rain when they got here, but they took jeeps and started out. "We got stuck a dozen times and winched ourselves out," says Earl.

Water ran like a river over the low land. When they had gotten as close as they could the district manager from Calgary said to the president, "Mr. McFarland, do you think we should try to go further?" to which he replied: "Mr. Swartz I think I've seen enough."

Earl and some of his men were living in an old building in Alder Flats when they could get out of the field. His wife Dean was living in Bentley.

He had to work on both sides of the river. The spring and fall seasons when the ferry didn't run were the most difficult. They built an ice bridge to haul heavy loads.

Mud was definitely not Earl's friend. On one trip leaving Highway 16 about 5 p.m., he caught up with a string of traffic in the Moon Lake district, and sat there

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LOOKING EAST ALONG what is now 51st. Avenue (in the heart of Drayton Valley) back in the 1960s all you could see was a few buildings, including the headquarters of the Energy Resources Conservation Board, the Strohal and the recently completed AGT tower building. Spring weather made even the downtown area difficult to travel through.

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'Communication was worst enemy'

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for hours. Nothing was moving. Finally about 3 or 4 p.m. caterpillar tractors were brought in, and they moved ahead about 100 feet and everyone stopped. "Everyone except the guy behind me," says Earl. "They shoved my car right under the tanker. I balled out figuring I would get cut in two. They were going and they were going to keep going."

On another trip he and another fellow went to a battery on the other side of Violet Grove. They left their camp south of Buck Creek with a brand new jeep. The road was new and muddy, and it took all day to get to Violet Grove.

All night on their way back to Buck Creek they watched their way along until the winch were out, and got back to camp about 2 p.m. the next day.

It took about a day and a half and a night to make a trip from Buck Creek to Violet Grove and back. All they had left was the rear wheel drive. The front one was worn out as was the winch. In that short trip a new jeep was finished, Earl says.

Earl says they just about lived in their vehicles that first year, eating chemical bars, sausage and pork and beans. He says there were such things at cafes in Violet Grove that the only way you knew if you were inside was when the little bell above the door rang. He said the stress on the people trying to serve everyone must have been terrible.

Earl Thompson

Communication

"Communications I think was our worst enemy," says Earl. From Drayton Valley there was one wire to Evansburg. It was an old phone with a crank on it, and an old fellow in Evansburg answered if he could hear it, or felt like it.

A young girl named Eva crashed and crashed away while people stood and waited. "When she'd finally get through, the line would be so noisy, and there'd be 20 more people in line," says Earl.

They finally got radio telephones, but AGT had their antennae down in Rose's Flat in Edmonton. Earl says "you couldn't get them unless you were up by the McDonald Hotel." If you had to rent a monkey out and could get to a hill this side of Stony Plain you could get through to Wetaskiwin.

In 1955 the houses in the camp south of Buck Creek were built, and roads were being gravelled. "It was like moving into the Waldorf Astoria," says Earl.

"But it wasn't all doom and gloom," remembers Earl. "We had some good times too. We had a party every weekend somewhere. A Rifle gun club, curling, (mostly at Buck Lake), and because they had an air strip near the camp they even got out to a few football and hockey games after the second year."

Asked if he would do it again Earl's reply is: "Oh yeh, I'd do it again if I was that age. It was an adventure we enjoyed." He found the original settlers very friendly and easy to get along with.

"I was here 14 months before I had a day off." Finally he had a two week vacation coming. Dean and another couple left early and drove to Anchorage, Alaska. Earl left later by plane and met them there. He had never been sick or missed a day of work during that 14 months. (Must have been the chocolate bars and pork and beans.)

As soon as he returned he came down with the flu. After waiting so long for some time off he wasn't about to have his vacation spoiled if he could help it. So despite the fact he had never drunk alcohol of any kind he asked his friend to get a bottle of rum and some 222s. He said he drank half a glass of rum and took two 222s. "It knocked me right out," he said.

He said he felt as though he'd been run through the mill the first couple of days, but he shook the flu and felt good the rest of the trip. But to this day Dean can't stand the smell of rum, and it's doubtful if Earl has tried the cure again.

Today the Thompsons have a lovely home west of the Mobil Oil office. Earl is now a locksmith and Dean does alterations for some of the clothing stores.

Earl received several letters of gratitude for jobs well done while he worked in the field. When the Hon. Justice Roach visited the Pembina field in 1968 Earl made the arrangement for his visit and received a warm letter of appreciation for his courteous.

He also received letters of thanks from the director of Forestry and the forest ranger for the help and co-operation he gave them during a heavy outbreak of forest fires.

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Gulf Spending

Gulf Canada's president John Stoik has notified shareholders of the company of a planned reduction in spending of 15 per cent, about $500 million, over the next five years. Mr. Stoik said that cash flow would be reduced 20 per cent by the National Energy Program.

Provincial government releases Hudson Institute study on oil

Alberta Provincial Treasurer Lou Hyndman has released a recent study by the Hudson Institute of New York entitled, A Question of Economics--the Impact of Phased Increases in Canadian Oil and Gas Prices.

The study was commissioned by the government of Alberta in 1980.

Some of its findings include:

- Higher prices reduce dependence on foreign oil by encouraging both conservation and production.
- Canada can become self-sufficient in oil production within the next 10 years, ending its vulnerability to sharp increases in the price of imported fuel and even realizing into an important energy exporter.
- Through higher economic growth, a program of self-sufficiency can further contribute to improving the fiscal position of the federal and provincial governments. Such a promise can only be fulfilled if adequate incentives are provided, not only to conserve energy, but also to invest and to produce—from increasingly costly but potentially vast Canadian energy resources. The ultimate gainers in this process will be Canadian consumers.
- If producer revenues were allowed to rise roughly in proportion to prices as domestic prices approached world levels, a vast potential for energy investment would be unleashed. This would be expected to result in a substantial increase in the gross national product.
- There is no indication that rising energy prices will result in a decline in employment in Canada.

The heavier tax burdens on producers and lower price rise in the federal proposal, on the other hand, may prolong the recession and prevent or delay self-sufficiency, and a major opportunity for strengthening the Canadian economy will be deferred indefinitely.

- Private capital invested in energy development in Canada is the best hope for an engine of economic growth that could help end a decade of frustration and stagnation.

Mr. Hyndman said, "the study offers objective new evidence which supports the credibility of the Alberta position."

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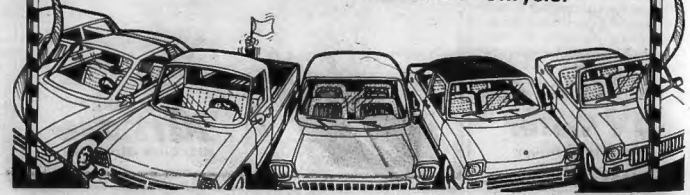

Energy projects bring pollution

By Dr. C. Kirk Brown

The desire to match Canadian energy supplies with consumption patterns by 1990 is moving this nation toward energy choices which have huge environmental consequences.

Although people are becoming more aware of threats from specific energy activities, few realize the degrees to which energy systems affect the environment.

Converting fossil fuels into energy is one of the major sources of air pollutants. All fossil fuel combustion produces carbon dioxide, and there is speculation that increased levels in the atmosphere could lead to a "greenhouse effect" and eventual disruption of world weather patterns.

Critics of nuclear power worry about radioactive emissions from generating plants, as well as nuclear safety and waste disposal problems. They say the record of nuclear generation is marked by one plant breakdown after another.

Supporters, however, look at the same record and claim it demonstrates nuclear plants are safe.

Among environmentalists, nuclear power raises some long-range questions. What will be done with a nuclear plant once its life is up? Where do we bury a hot, worn out, nuclear reactor? Can we safely dispose of radioactive wastes?

Nuclear and fossil fuel power plants are also the major source of thermal discharges into water bodies, and without proper care, these can seriously affect delicate environments.

Hydro projects have turned beautiful gorges and river valleys into huge, dull lakes, and damaged wildlife habitats. Some experts claim the James Bay project will alter weather in parts of Atlantic Canada.

Millions of acres of land have been disturbed by surface mining for coal, tar sands and shale oil. Coal extraction has also resulted in contamination of streams, lakes and reservoirs through siltation and mine drainage. Enormous wastes result from tar sands and shale oil extraction, and methods used are highly energy intensive.

Coal Is Dirtiest

Of all our energy choices, coal ranks among the "dirtiest" fuels, and nuclear power before Confederation in the minds of many—yet both now figure prominently in projections for accelerated electrical generation in Canada.

Plans call for nuclear power to overtake hydro power as Canada's largest single source of electricity beyond the year 2000.

Oil and gas exploration, which are being greatly stepped up now, also pose environmental problems. "The Canadian oil industry," a major oil company official is reported to have said recently, "should be moving into our most promising Atlantic and Arctic properties like an army of occupation."

Provincial governments in Canada, while supporting exploration, have begun to recognize problems. In an effort to grasp the implications of offshore exploration, Nova Scotia recently sent officials to an "Onshore Impacts of Offshore Oil" conference at the University of Edinburgh.

While oceanologists have determined that only a small percentage of oil pollution at sea comes from offshore production, discharges of oily wastes from ships and onshore sources place more than two million tons of heavy petroleum products into the world's oceans every year. Despite a number of studies, the effect on marine life is still poorly understood.

Arctic exploration for oil and natural gas is of particular concern to environmentalists. Damages to this hinterland can much more quickly get out of hand, and take years to correct. Will we care enough about what happens in such remote regions?

Of all the fuels now used extensively, natural gas is the least objectionable. It causes little air pollution when burned, and can be transported invisibly in underground pipelines. Still, northern pipelines must be built partially above ground and permafrost, and can impede migrations of wildlife.

Even renewable energy systems are not without environmental impacts. Cutting down forests for fuel, without replacement, returns carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. Wood burning is also a source of other air pollutants, and the manufacture of solar panels and windmills is inextricable from the exploitation of metals and minerals.

Not Made for Snapshots

Esthetically, the landscape can be blighted not only by miles of electrical transmission lines, but by acres of solar farms and wind turbines as well. Somehow, a series of huge propellers, rigged above steel towers, just doesn't seem destined for a snapshot album.

Conservation is clearly the energy supply option with the least environmental harm, but it is still largely unrecognized as a supply option by governments. Recent studies have shown that conservation is the most effective way to keep energy costs down, while providing time to develop supply alternatives carefully.

Canada already has an energy conservation program in place, but it is aimed largely at increasing public awareness. Its effectiveness is also hampered by reliance upon voluntary measures.

More importantly, Canada has created a major disincentive to conservation in the form of a national energy policy built around stabilizing oil below world prices.

Despite shortages of energy resources that show every sign of permanence, Canada is now among the industrial countries of the world with the highest per capita energy consumption. Climate and enormous transportation distances born of Canadian geography account in part for high consumption, but low domestic energy prices are also accountable.

What may be needed as we move out of a transitional phase includes: increased oil prices as part of a well-coordinated program which will minimize social impacts; introduction of fuel economy standards for cars; minimum insulation standards and other conservation measures adopted as part of building codes; annual maintenance and service inspection of all fuel burning equipment—especially cars and furnaces; efficiency ratings on all appliances; federal grants and loans to defray capital costs of major conservation projects at least until Canadian oil prices come into line with the cost of imported oil.

Redistribution of oil import subsidization funds to non-oil energy sources, including conservation, could make many projects economical without creating a new drain on the federal purse.

The Canadian government has already shown its willingness to manage national energy affairs in the area of pricing; it must now show as much willingness to develop a national commitment to conserve energy. By such an undertaking major new commitments to conventional energy supplies can be put off, and environmental impacts can be kept to a minimum.

Canadianization, higher prices recommended

By W. Roger Worth

People operating smaller firms in Canada favor greater Canadian ownership of the country's oil and natural gas industry.

That message comes through loud and clear in results of a questionnaire among the 87,000 members of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

Responses from more than 15,000 members indicated 37 per cent placed a "high priority" on such action and 42 per cent believed it an "important" issue.

Only 20 per cent believed greater Canadian ownership is "not important" at this time.

In effect, members backed the basic ownership element in Ottawa's far-reaching National Energy Policy.

What's intriguing is that in separate questions, 70 per cent of respondents backed a move toward higher oil prices, rejecting the federal government position and supporting arguments of the producing provinces.

The response is perhaps remarkable because many smaller firms would be hit hard by substantially higher heating and fuel bills.

Federation president John Bulloch says members have taken a long-term view on the energy situation.

"They understand that conservation and substitution won't take place at prices that are half those paid by the rest of the world," he says.

Nevertheless, Federation members weren't backward about who should take the initiative to break the present federal-provincial impasse over energy pricing.

More than 62 per cent believed Ottawa should make the first move, offering greater compromises.

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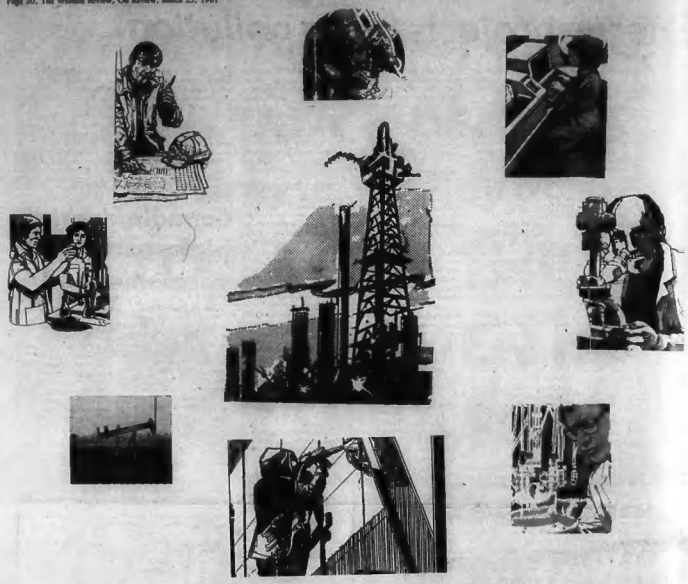

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Research underway on tertiary method

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In simple terms, three broad phases of oil recovery may be described as being, in general, practiced in Alberta.

Primary—a means of recovering oil by utilizing the internal energy of the system to force the oil to the surface.

Secondary—a technique in which water is injected into the reservoir in order to force more oil to the surface.

Tertiary—those techniques in which oil is recovered by any possible means after primary and secondary recoveries are exhausted. Tertiary recovery may entail the use of heat, chemicals, solvents, etc.

The general pricing structure for crude oil includes an incentive for the amount of oil produced over that obtained by conventional waterflood recovery methods.

This "tertiary supplement" is to be paid by the government of Canada to qualified producers for the incremental amount of oil that is recovered by tertiary techniques.

The net effect is that the wellhead price for the incremental oil, as of January 1, 1981, is approximately $30 per barrel, or approximately $14 per barrel greater than conventional oil marketed at the same time.

The activities of the staff in the Department of Mineral Engineering include conventional heavy oil and bitumen recovery research by Dr. D.L. Flock and Dr. R.M.F. Ali, and basic research on fluid displacement behavior in porous media by Dr. R.G. Bentsen and Professor P.M. Dranchuk.

Most of these activities are centred around physical model studies of enhanced recovery processes.

Dr. Bentsen is using microwaves to study the displacement of hydrocarbon by water within a porous medium. This unique technology was developed to measure the displacement behavior during an enhanced recovery process.

Enhanced Recovery

Much research has been carried out on the use of chemicals and surfactants as additives to water in the fluid displacement of hydrocarbons.

Of major significance is a basic understanding of how such additives effect surface and interfacial phenomena. The tertiary and enhanced recovery methods that are being studied by Drs. Bentsen and Flock are directed towards improving the efficiency of displacing hydrocarbons within the system by altering the capillary forces or the surface wettability conditions of the porous rock.

Incremental recoveries over those obtained by waterflooding might be achieved at levels in excess of 30 per cent of the hydrocarbon in place, by such enhanced recovery methods.

Using various transplant plastic models and photographic techniques involving fluorescent dyes, professor Dranchuk has been studying the effect of well spacing and geometry on the areal sweep efficiency of an injected fluid on the areal performance of the displacement process under various well configurations.

The future energy sufficiency of Canada will depend increasingly upon the vast potential of hydrocarbon production from bitumen and tar sands deposits in Alberta.

Tertiary technology will be required to recover the oil from these complex geological deposits. One of the key areas of concern is that the mobilization of a hydrocarbon with a porous medium has invariably resulted in the formation of emulsions of oil and water.

THIS OLD WOODEN cable tool rig, situated near Waterton Park, is one of a vanishing species of rigs. Built during the 1920s, rigs such as this one were fast disappearing by the next decade, when steel rigs became popular. Part of this old rig was taken to Heritage Park in Calgary, and rebuilt. Vernon Kerber, owner of Kerber Construction in Drayton Valley, was one of the workers hired to reconstruct the wooden rig.

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